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Assassination theory as President, generals and US envoy die

Zia killed in aircraft explosion

- **President Zia of Pakistan and the American Ambassador to Islamabad died when their plane exploded close to the Pakistan-Indian border.**
- **The chairman of the Pakistan Senate took over as acting president amid speculation that the explosion was an assassination plot.**
- **Two of President Zia's closest aides, an American brigadier-general and at least 17 other senior Pakistan military officers also died.**
- **Mrs Thatcher, shocked by the incident, paid tribute to President Zia, and Vice-President George Bush described it as "a great tragedy".**

By Edward Gorman

General Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, the President of Pakistan, was killed yesterday afternoon with at least 30 others when his plane exploded in mid-air. There was immediate speculation that he had been assasinated.

President Zia's plane had just taken off near the city of Bahawalpur close to the Pakistan-Indian border. The President had been visiting Army units based on the frontier.

Also killed in the explosion were the American Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr Arnold Raphel, and two of General Zia's closest military aides, General Aktar Abdul Rahman, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Lieutenant-General Mohammad Afzaal, the Vice-Chief of the Army Staff.

A second American killed was named by the US Embassy in Islamabad last night as Brigadier-General Herbert Wassom, aged 49, who was head of the Office of the Defence Representative to Pakistan.

State radio and television said three further Pakistani generals, five brigadiers, and at least eight other senior military officers died in the crash. All passengers and crew were killed. Some reports put the dead at 32 while others said 37 people died.

The Government immediately ordered an inquiry into the disaster which happened about four miles north of Bahawalpur as the plane headed for Rawalpindi. A Western correspondent who visited the crash site said the wreckage was scattered over a large area and there were no signs of survivors.

Zia's death immediately sparked a political crisis in the Pakistani capital last night as the chairman of the Senate, Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, moved quickly to take over as acting President as laid down in the Constitution. After declaring 10 days' offical mourning, he prepared to address the nation and called an emergency Cabinet meeting.

There was widespread speculation in Islamabad that a bomb may have been planted on the plane or that it had been shot down by assailants using an American-supplied Stinger anti-aircraft missile. Observers point out that Zia was a stickler for personal security and that his official aircraft were always heavily guarded.

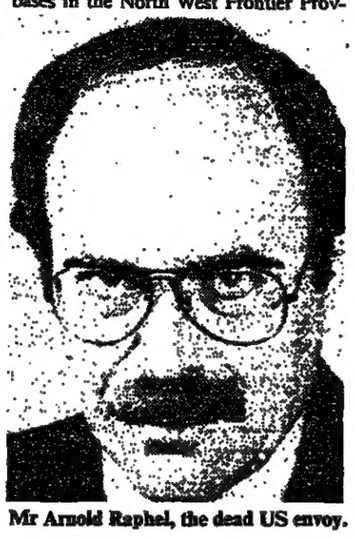
There were also reports that the Hercules, in military markings, may have been in collision with a military helicopter crossing its flight-path.

Some observers, however, believe the President may have been the victim of agents sent into Pakistan by the Soviet-backed Afghan Government as the row between the two countries coatinues over Zia's support for the Afghan Mujahidin resistance during the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. In recent weeks both Kabul and Moscow have repeatedly warned Zia of what they described as the serious consequences.

Another theory was that Zia may have been the target of one of the many fanatical and well-armed groups opposed to his 11-year military dictatorship. In Pakistan last night there was speculation that the President had been killed by rival generals in a successful coup.

President Zia, who was 64, seized power in a military coup, overthrowing Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the Prime Minister — who was later hanged — and has ruled Pakistan ever since, resisting a series of opposition campaigns to remove him.

He was the principal US ally in the region and was a fervent supporter of the Afghan Mujahidin, to whom he granted bases in the North West Frontier Province, and who received, with Zia's blessing, millions of dollars of weapons supplied by the Americans and Saudi Arabia.



Mr Arnold Raphel, the dead US envoy.

However in recent months he had plunged the nation into a period of political uncertainty after dismissing Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, his Prime Minister, the National Assembly and four state legislatures, accusing them of corruption, incompetance and failure to "Islamatize" Pakistan or prevent a breakdown of law and order. New elections were due to be held in November.

In stark contrast to the official declaration of mourning, in many cities there was open celebration of the news of the death of a President whose heavy-handed methods had created many enemies over the years.

In Peshawar, the capital of the North West Frontier Province, people were celebrating in the streets and handing out ritual sweets. "They were rejoicing when they heard that he had been killed," said one obersever.

Arnold Raphel, from Troy, New York, was was thought to have a brilliant career ahead of him.

"He was a man of great breadth and intelligence, an outstanding career diplomat perfectly suited to the post," said Mr Nicholas Barrington, the British Ambassador.

He enjoyed a close personal rapport with the Pakistan President and was the effective front-man for the massive arms supply programme to the Mujahidin.

Mr Raphel took up his current post last year having previously served in Iran, Washington and in Pakistan between 1975 and 1978.

Last night the Pakistan Opposition leader, Ms Benazir Bhutto, said her Pakistani People's Party was watching the situation closely. "We think that it is a positive development that the constitutional path has been followed and the Senate chairman has been made President," she said.

"On our part we are willing to co-operate in a smooth and constitutional transfer of power (after the November elections)," Ms Bhutto said at her residence in Karachi.

"As you know he (General Zia) had made the PPP the target of his vendetta. But on an occasion like this I will simply say that life and death is in God's hands," she said.

Ms Bhutto said it was difficult to believe the Zia era was actually over. Recalling her father's treatment under the Zia Government, she said the general's rule was an extremely violent one.

"It started with violence and it seems that it ended with violence," she said, adding that she regretted the death of the US Ambassador and other military officers in the crash.

In Delhi, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, expressed sorrow and appealed to Pakistan to remain calm. "I am deeply shocked and distressed to hear of the tragic and untimely demise of President Zia ul-Haq," he said.

An Indian government source described as "utterly preposterous", a report that Zia's aircraft might have been hit by a missile close to the border.

"If the Pakistan Government officially states that a missile was involved, we will react to it," said the source. "Until then any such implication is garbage."

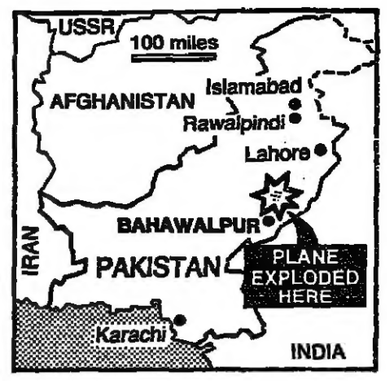
President Reagan expressed his sadness over the death and called the General a friend.

"He was a friend . . . in terms of his role trying to get the Soviets out of Afghanistan," Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, quoted Mr Reagan as saying at Santa Barbara, California, where the President is on holiday.

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President Zia: His death sparks a political crisis in Islamabad.



Thatcher pays her tribute

By Our Diplomatic and Foreign Staffs

Mrs Margaret Thatcher paid tribute last night to President Zia ul-Haq as the Pakistani community in Britain went into mourning.

"President Zia won the admiration of the world over his steadfast support for the Afghan people since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and especially for his hospitality to the three million refugees who poured into Pakistan," she said in a statement issued by Downing Street.

She said she was shocked by the news and expressed her deepest sympathy for the Pakistani people and the families of all who died in the crash.

Although she did not say so directly, the Prime Minister implicitly gave President Zia some of the credit for the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, which reached its halfway stage on Monday. His decision to allow the Mujahidin guerrillas to be supplied through Pakistan and to use Peshawar as a political headquarters proved crucial in sustaining pressure on Soviet forces.

The death of General Zia, a key figure in America's policy towards central Asia, came as a bitter shock yesterday to the United States and officials feared privately that it could bring a shift in the power-balance across the region and perhaps hinder the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

"The first thing I want to do is just say how horrible I feel about the tragedy," said Vice-President George Bush after he heard of the deaths of General Zia and Mr Arnold Raphel, America's Ambassador to Pakistan, who died in the President's plane.

"Pakistan and the United States have a special relationship and the loss of General Zia is a great tragedy", Mr Bush said.

For Washington, the loss of its closest ally in the region raises the prospect of a less stable and less pro-American Administration emerging in Pakistan. In recent months, the regime of General Zia has faced opposition from a much more u nified civilian opposition, under the leadership of Miss Benazir Bhutto.

Mrs Jeane kirkpatrick, the former US Ambassador to the United Nations, said the President's death raised doubts about the balance of power in the region.

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Grief at embassy

The Pakistani flag was flying at half mast at the country's embassy in London last night, but there was mixed reaction from Britain's Pakistani community. The Ambassador, Mr Shaharyar Khan, is on holiday in France but an embassay spokesman, Mr Karam Elahi, said: "We are all shocked and there is a sense of grief." Mr Zubair Ali, the embassy minister, said: "There is total shock but at the same time the nation is taking it with courage. It is a great trauma."

The British Pakistani community is more than a million strong and its leaders dismissed the idea that political differences in the homeland could now spill over into violence in Britain. "There's no danger of civil violence here," said Councillor Mohammed Ajeeb, the former Lord Mayor of Bradford. "There will be mixed feelings among the Pakistani community but it doesn't mean we have to settle the political differences in Bradford."

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Nurses' salary rise

Government will pay up

By Jill Sherman and Nick Wood

The Government conceded yesterday that more money might be needed to fund this year's pay award for nurses, and added that it accepted full responsibility.

The move, seen as another attempt to defuse the crisis over nurses' pay, coincided with the Labour Party's claim yesterday that health authorities needed another £150 million above the £803 million already allocated by the Government to fund the award.

Despite the reopening of negotiations with the Government over pay, Colsse nurses at the Middlesex Hospital in London voted for a 24-hour strike on August 25. The vote was immediately condemned by the Royal College of Nursing, which claimed that only 100 of a staff of 700 nurses at the hospital had attended the meeting.

As the Government faced mounting pressure from Labour and the nursing unions to guarantee further funding, Mrs Edwina Currie, junior Minister of Health, emphasized that the Government would not go back on its word.

Last April, the Prime Minister promised to implement and fund in full the recommendations of the nurses' pay review body.

With signs that the eventual cost of the new clinical grading structure could be at least 3 per cent more than review body estimates, nurses want a "cast-iron" guarantee that this will not be met at the expense of patient services.

Mr Robin Cook, the Opposition's chief health spokesman, said yesterday that most health authorities were overspending. Unless ministers found extra money for the National Health Service, a renewed spate of ward closures and cancelled operations would occur.

The Labour Party also claimed credit for the resumption of negotiations between the nurses' unions and management. "It is quite clear that the pressure we have been applying over the last seven days has been successful in enabling the nurses to make progress that would otherwise have not been within their grasp", Mr Cook said.

Ministers are unwilling to give a blank cheque to health service managers while the regrading exercise is conducted, but nurses argue that managers, uncertain of full funding, are trying to depress grades to stay within their cash limits.

In a letter sent yesterday to Mr Cook, Mrs Currie said: "Let me make it clear once and for all that we will keep our promise to nurses — which is more than can be said for the last Labour Government."

Mrs Currie said the cost of the exercise had been esti-

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US and Russia in joint nuclear test

Mercury, Nevada (Reuter) — The United States set off a large underground nuclear explosion in the Nevada Desert yesterday in the first joint test with the Soviet Union.

The unprecedented nuclear experiment in a 2,200-ft shaft was the first of two the countries have agreed to conduct jointly this year.

The aim is to find mutually agreeable technology that will accurately monitor compliance with two test limitation treaties agreed in the 1970s. The second experiment is scheduled for September 14 at the Semipalatinsk test range in the Soviet Union.

American and Soviet scientists, some of whom had worked together since April preparing for today's test, crowded into a small control room 30 miles from the "ground zero" blast site in the Nevada desert.

"Times are changing and we are in a situation where we are dealing with things at each other's test sites," said Mr Igor Palenykh, head of the Soviet delegation to the nuclear testing talks in Geneva.

The US said the device had a yield of nearly 150 kilotons — the equivalent of 150,000 tonnes of TNT.

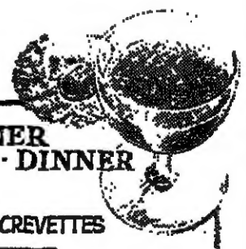
The two countries will exchange data collected from the two explosions and use the information in negotiations on future tests. Both countries see the experiments as an important step towards ratification of the treaties.

Although both signed the treaties, which limit the yield of underground tests to 150 kilotons, they have not been ratified.

About 24 anti-nuclear protesters demonstrated at the gates of the test site.

Four were arrested by sheriff's deputies after they lay in the path of a bus carrying 60 journalists to the testing ground.

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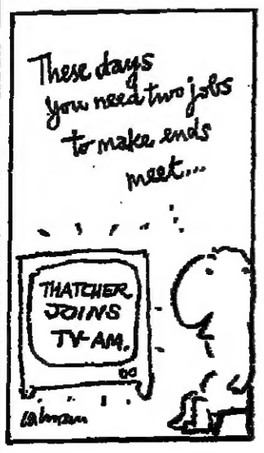
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TV-am ultimatum as Carol Thatcher signs on



By Richard Evans
Media Editor

TV-am hired the Prime Minister's daughter yesterday as the breakfast-time station was given a last chance to prove itself worthy of providing a professional television service.

Miss Carol Thatcher, a journalist, started work at the station's Camden Lock, north London; studios as a contract correspondent.

However, the station faces the prospect of not having its franchise extended up to 1992 if it fails "within weeks" to show evidence of better programming, an end to embarrassing technical mishaps and an improvement in its weekend news and children's output.

A carefully worded warning was delivered to Mr Bruce Gyngell, TV-am managing director, and his deputy, during a two-hour meeting at the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) headquarters, London, chaired by Lord Thomson of Monifieth.

The IBA said later: "In the light of assurances given at the meeting by Mr Gyngell, the IBA has asked TV-am to report back on what steps they propose to take to return to normal programming".

Mr Gyngell disclosed proposals to expand weekend news coverage, extend David Frost's Sunday programme and set up a department to oversee children's programming, after criticisms in the IBA's annual report last month.

The IBA is insisting that a proper service must be provided, although the station is still embroiled in a dispute with the television technicians' union, ACTT. The last vestiges of its emergency service must be removed and programming returned, at the least, to pre-dispute standards.

While TV-am has attracted Government plaudits for tackling the ACTT, the IBA is stressing its responsibility of ensuring a professional-looking breakfast television service. Only 45 non-union studio staff have been hired to replace the 232 technicians dismissed last February.

TV-am said last night that it welcomed the opportunity to outline all aspects of its operations.

However, one source said: "We are under no illusions that we have got certain improvements to make. Equally, we have no doubt we can make them."

NEWS ROUNDUP

Antique gang's haul put on show

More than 2,500 stolen pieces of art and antiques were put on display yesterday by Surrey detectives investigating a series of country house burglaries in which goods worth up to £40 million have been stolen.

Surrey police described the haul as the largest in the history of the police force and one of the biggest in the country. It is thought to be the work of several gangs of criminals working together. The police appealed yesterday to victims of the burglaries to contact them in an attempt to identify the goods, which include a Victoria Cross, a tapestry, believed to be 15th-century, and an array of paintings, silver, porcelain and jewellery.

Detective Chief Inspector Mel McVickers said: "We are investigating a highly professional organisation of specialist crooks who use different teams of villains to clean out big houses and mansions up and down the country."

Surrey Police may be contacted on 0483 575302 or 0483 575319.

Electricians' victory

The electricians' union won an important victory yesterday in its attempt to minimize the effects of its suspension from the TUC, which could affect its chances of remaining in the Labour Party. The general council of the Scottish TUC yesterday admitted it was legally wrong to suspend the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union as part of a reciprocal agreement with the TUC. The TUC suspension is over the union's refusal to withdraw from two single-union deals.

Mortgage charges

Fifteen people, including solicitors and building society managers, have been charged in connection with an alleged Sheffield-based multi-million pound mortgage fraud. They are expected to face a total of about ninety charges and will appear before Sheffield magistrates today.

'Ziegfeld' to close

"Ziegfeld", the West End's most expensive musical, with a £3.2 million budget, will close in October after an ill-fated five-month run. Mr Harold Fielding, aged 71, the producer, is understood to have gambled £2.5 million of his company's money on the show at the London Palladium. It is based on the life of the legendary American showman Florenz Ziegfeld and needed to run for at least a year to recoup the costs. Topol, the Israeli star, was brought in after the show was reshaped by guest director Tommy Steele.

TUC's Mandela offer

The Trades Union Congress is offering to pay for Nelson Mandela, the black nationalist leader, to receive medical treatment in Britain, if he were released. Meanwhile, Mr David Young, Labour MP for Bolton South-east, is urging the Prime Minister to break off her holiday and make a personal appeal to President Botha of South Africa to free Mandela.

550 shipyard jobs cut

Harland and Wolff shipbuilders of Belfast announced yesterday that 550 jobs are go, which will reduce the workforce to 3,250. The company told unions in January that job losses would be likely to cope with the £17 million annual losses and a drop in the number of orders.

Police say motorway carries too much traffic

Wife and children killed in M25 fireball

By David Sapsted

A senior police officer criticized conditions on the Surrey section of the M25 last night after a mother and her three daughters were killed in a Space Cruiser.

The woman's injured husband watched helplessly as his vehicle exploded after an accident on the eastern carriageway near junction 8, the exit to Reigate. The accident caused a 22-mile tailback, ensnaring more than 15,000 motorists in the worst traffic jam on the orbital motorway yet.

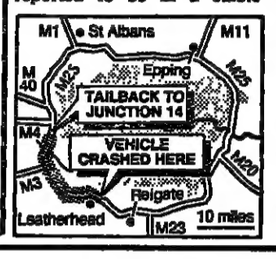
Inspector Martin West, Surrey's road safety publicity officer, said: "The motorway is carrying the levels of traffic that were predicted for the 1990s. The policy of the Department of Transport is to purchase enough land to leave space for widening, but surely it would have been more cost-effective to have built it wider in the first place. The volume of traffic is causing chaos.

"The M25 is used by every Tom, Dick and Harry, many of whom have no experience of motorway driving. You have a mix of experienced drivers, 'hoppers' (local drivers who use the motorway as a short cut) and holiday traffic."

Mrs Susan Jones, aged 37, and her children Michelle, aged 15, Colette, aged 12, and Siobhan, aged 9, from Hastings, Sussex, died when their vehicle exploded after colliding with the back of an articulated lorry parked on the hard shoulder.

Mr Peter Jones was pulled out of a window of the vehicle by two patrolling traffic officers and a member of the public. The car exploded before the rest of the trapped family could be rescued.

Mr Jones, taken to East Surrey Hospital in Redhill with a broken thigh bone, was reported to be in a stable condition last night but in a state of considerable shock.



The accident occurred a few miles from the spot where nine people died in a 26-car pile-up in December, 1984. Just a fortnight ago, another fatal accident occurred on that stretch of the M25, where at least one accident is recorded "almost every day", according to Surrey police.

"There is nothing inherently wrong with this particular stretch of motorway; it is purely the volume of traffic that produces so many accidents", a police spokesman said.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, ordered a review in the spring of traffic patterns and safety implications on the entire M25. Widening is already under way between junctions 11 and 13, a section affected by yesterday's enormous tailback, and similar plans for an extra lane are being considered between junctions 15 and 16.

Yesterday's accident occurred at 8.15am. Chief Inspector Ken Langridge said the two traffic officers involved, PC Alan Pollock and PC Jeremy Taylor, acted with exceptional speed and courage when they saw the crash during a routine patrol along the opposite carriageway.

"They responded quickly enough to turn their car around and cross the motorway to get to the accident. With a member of the public, the officers managed to pull the injured driver to safety through an open window after cutting him out of his seatbelt with a Stanley knife.

"But the car burst into flames before they could rescue the mother and children. In a frantic effort to free them, the officers tried to wedge the vehicle doors open, but they were driven back by the heat and flames."

A fire brigade spokesman said: "The car was completely gutted. Mr Jones was looking at it shouting, 'That's my wife and children in there'. We assisted the ambulance crews in recovering the bodies. It was a terrible sight".

The crews, using cutting and lifting gear, spent more than two hours trying to free the front half of the Jones's Toyota from beneath the rear of the articulated lorry's trailer.

Thick smoke from the fire caused delays to westbound traffic, while eastbound traffic was at a standstill from junction 8 to junction 14.

The blaze was believed to have started when the Toyota's fuel tank ruptured on impact. Police officers investigating the accident said there was no apparent cause for the crash.

Mr Michael Wells, assistant course manager at Walton Heath Golf Club overlooking the M25, said: "When I first spotted the wreckage, I thought it was a Mini Metro. It was so twisted as to be completely unrecognizable. "The whole of the front of the car was gone. It must have smashed into the back of the lorry at a fantastic speed. The front half of the car was completely underneath

● Two women died yesterday when their car burstinto flames after an accident involving a lorry on the A1 near the junction with the M62 in West Yorkshire.

Three Berkshire children were also injured, one seriously, in a motorway collision on the M6 near Stafford



The Jones's burnt-out Toyota buried beneath an articulated lorry's trailer near junction 8 on the M25 yesterday (Photograph: Cassidy & Leigh).

The dangers of stopping on motorway hard-shoulders were highlighted by *The Times* in May when it revealed that one third of the 250 fatal accidents annually on motorways occur on the side of the road where vehicles are stopped. Inspector Cliff Travis, whose responsibilities include the M25 said: "There are more accidents on the hard-shoulder than on the motorway." The Government is aware of the problem but a Department of Transport study showed that there was no cost effective solution. Motorists stopped on the hard-shoulder are advised to wait at a safe distance from their vehicle while awaiting help.

Prisons dispute

Ban on overtime confirmed

By Andrew Morgan

Leaders of the Prison Officers' Association at Broadmoor top-security hospital in Berkshire last night said the establishment would soon "come to a halt" after staff had voted for a complete ban on overtime.

The association last night confirmed that directives on industrial action were expected to be sent to many branches in England and Wales this week after a further breakdown of talks on manning levels at Holloway women's prison, north London.

At Broadmoor the three-day ballot of the 490 nursing staff and 60 occupational staff was overwhelmingly in favour of action. Mr George Temple, branch chairman, said the "breakdown" would start to bite hardest at the weekend.

The dispute centres on manning levels and it is the first total overtime ban since 1973, when there were 1,200 patients. There are now 450. Occupational and administrative staff are expected to be brought in on weekdays to help patients to prepare for work and recreation sessions.

But those staff members are not on duty at weekends and patients will have to stay in their rooms for long periods.

The association says there should be about 600 nurses and wants financial incentives. Nurses earn between £10,000 and £12,000 a year but many are leaving, mainly because they cannot buy property locally.

The wards were manned by management during the bans and the Department of Health last night said the situation would cause immediate problems. The moves at Broadmoor came as the association's national executive said no further talks were planned at Holloway at local level and only talks with the Prison Department about grievances on a national level over manning quotas would be considered.

The association will now step up plans for national action, which could include 24-hour stoppages and a refusal to handle new admissions. Officers at 18 prisons have already taken action. On Tuesday night there were 1,253 Home Office prisoners in police cells.

Mr Colin Allen, governor at Holloway, said he was surprised and disappointed at the decision as the meeting had produced a "useful exchange of views on proposals for a return to work".

● Four prisoners at Cardiff prison last night spent their third day barricaded inside a cell and refusing food. Relatives say the men are protesting over an alleged loss of privileges and plans to transfer them.

Maze plea fails

By Ronald Faux

An attempt by an IRA man to avoid extradition from Ireland failed yesterday.

Mr Justice Egan ruled in Dublin High Court that there was no reason why Robert Russell, aged 32, of Belfast, who escaped from the Maze prison in 1983, should not be handed over to the Royal Ulster Constabulary on the Irish border on August 27.

Mr Rory Brady, for Russell, argued that delays and the decision by the Northern Ireland authorities to drop some of the warrants against Russell meant that according to the Extradition Act, 1965, he should not be handed over.

Russell had been serving a 20-year sentence for the attempted murder of a police officer when he escaped from the Maze.

He is completing a three-year sentence at the Portlaoise top security jail near Dublin for attempted escape. Russell was not in court for yesterday's hearing. Yesterday's hearing was the third attempt by Russell in the Dublin courts to avoid extradition.

● The Irish National Liberation Army last night claimed responsibility for the sectarian killing of a Belfast greengrocer.

Mr Frederick Otley, aged 44, was shot in his shop by two gunmen. He was cleared three years ago of being a member of the banned "loyalist" Ulster Volunteer Force and of bombing a social club.

It is thought the killing was in revenge for two sectarian murders by loyalists last week.

● Irish police and Customs officers have broken a £2 million a year diesel smuggling racket which may have been providing funds for the IRA.

Tense wait for school results

By David Tytler
Education Editor

Some 300,000 anxious teenagers will today know whether they have passed their A levels with high enough grades for the universities and colleges of their choice. It is estimated that nearly half will have failed to get the grades required.

But many students will still be able to go to university or college by using the clearing system run by the University Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) and the Polytechnics Central Admission System (PCAS) that this year are to publish complete lists of all available courses in *The Times* beginning next Wednesday.

Airports' record 7m passengers

By Emma Wilkins

A record seven million passengers passed through Britain's main airports in July alone, the BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority, said yesterday.

Most airports have experienced long delays when charter flights are at their peak, because of air traffic control problems and the unprecedented 5.3 per cent increase in numbers of holiday makers.

Manchester: A Dan Air flight due to arrive from Alicante was due in at 7.40am, but delayed until 8.40am. An Amber Air flight from Dalaman was expected to arrive at 9.30am, but did not land until 11.25am. An Air 2000 flight from Pathos was due to arrive at 6.15pm, but not expected to touch down until 7.20pm. An Orion Airways flight to Ibiza was due to depart at 8.50pm, but not expected to leave until 1.20am yesterday

Luton: A Monarch Airways flight to Pathos was due to leave at 4.40pm, but was not expected to take off until 5.40pm. A Ryan Air flight to Waterford was delayed for one hour, as was a Ryan Air flight to Dublin.

Gatwick: An Air Europe flight to Nice was due to leave at 3.15pm, but was not expected to take off until 6.15pm. Heathrow: One flight to Nice was delayed for two hours.

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Husband lost his 'castle' and wife he idolized

'Human torch' murderer is sentenced to two life terms

David Holmes, who murdered his wife and her boy friend by pouring petrol over them and setting them alight, was sentenced to two life terms — with the recommendation that he serve at least twenty years — by the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

In a fit of jealousy, Holmes burned his wife Elaine, aged 24, and Mr Alan Trowbridge, aged 29, when he found them together at his former flat in Horsell, Surrey, last September.

They died days later from their injuries. Mrs Holmes was so badly burnt that she looked like a "zombie from a horror film", witnesses said.

Judge Richard Lowry said: "In my view, I must make a minimum recommendation. This was premeditated violence with you pouring petrol over your wife and her new man. Each suffered a dreadful death." Even in court, the judge said, Holmes had shown criticism and resentment.

Mrs Holmes threw her husband out of the marital home after numerous violent disputes put an end to their three-year marriage. Mr Trowbridge moved in, occupying a spare bedroom.

Holmes, aged 47, could not tolerate the thought of his wife associating with the younger man. If he could not have her, no one else would, the court was told.

He visited the flat on September 11 last year and sprayed petrol over the pair, setting fire to them with his cigarette lighter.

They fled in pain, still ablaze.

"Immediately afterwards, he seemed to show no regrets — he appeared cool, calm and collected", Mr Timothy Langdale, counsel for the prosecution, told the court.

Holmes said after the event: "You should have seen the wife run away and him follow like a scalded cat. They got everything they deserved.

"That bastard is not going to enjoy what I have worked for. No bloke is going to sleep with my wife on my side of the bed."

Nearly 85 per cent of Mrs Holmes's body was burnt. Mr Trowbridge suffered from burns to 65 per cent of his skin.

When arrested, Holmes said he would do it again. However, in court he denied the double murder.

He claimed he had not meant to hurt the couple but had gone to his former home intent on committing suicide.

Holmes claimed his wife gave him a final kiss as her clothes were burning on her and told him: "I know you love me, but you don't need to do this to me".

A consultant psychiatrist, called by the defence, said Holmes had been suffering from an "abnormality of the mind" that would have substantially impaired his mental responsibility at the time.

That was rejected by Dr Paul Bowden, a psychiatrist who appeared for the Crown, who said Holmes was sane when he started the fire.

Holmes showed no emotion as sentence was passed yesterday, saying only "thank you" as he was led to the cells.

The judge was told that in 1969 he was convicted by magistrates of wilful damage after setting fire to furnishings at the home of his first wife after she left him.

Mr Victor Durand, QC, for the defence, appealed to the judge not to make a minimum recommendation.

"Holmes is a man who has suffered in a way very hard to appreciate", he said.

"He had regarded his home as his castle. It was the destruction of that castle and the loss of the wife he had idolized which caused him to break down and do these dreadful things."

Charming the children



Victoria Geleverya, the Snake Woman of the Moscow State Circus, performing yesterday for patients at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. The circus is at Battersea Park, south-west London, until August 29 (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Murder hunt after baby dies in fire

Police launched a murder inquiry yesterday after a girl aged nine months died from smoke inhalation in a fire at her home.

Roxanne Bill died in hospital after the blaze at the fourth-floor flat in Radcliffe Tower, Shawbury Grove, Highgate, Birmingham, in the early hours.

The baby, her brother Richard, aged four months, and their mother Sheri, aged 25, were rescued from the flat's balcony. The boy also suffered from smoke inhalation and his condition was said to be serious but stable.

West Midlands police said the seat of the fire appeared to have been confined to the front door area and several people were being interviewed.

A post-mortem examination was being held.

Fatal choking

Mrs Leila Lean, aged 73, the former wife of Mr David Lean, the film director, choked on a croissant and died at the London Clinic in Devonshire Place three days after having a facelift, the Westminster inquest was told yesterday.

RAF air alarm

An RAF Jaguar aircraft has been reported to the Civil Aviation Authority for infringing the air traffic zone over Cumbernauld airport in Strathclyde, the second incident involving RAF aircraft in under a week at the new airport.

Forgery case

Peng Tang, aged 45, a dentist, of Edgehill Road, Ealing, west London, was released on £30,000 bail at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court yesterday accused of conspiring with others to supply $2 million in counterfeit notes and traveller's cheques.

Cosmos date

Cosmos 1900, the nuclear-powered Russian spy satellite which is slowly falling to Earth, is expected to crash through the atmosphere on October 8, according to the latest forecast by the Royal Greenwich Observatory. It is losing height by 1km a day.

100mph chase

Police arrested two men yesterday after chasing a stolen car for two hours from Elephant and Castle, south London, to Loughborough, Leicestershire. Speeds of up to 100mph were recorded before the men gave themselves up.

Stolen art works 'sold at Sotheby's'

An antique dealer was jailed for two and a half years yesterday for fraudulently convincing Sotheby's, the auctioneers, to sell stolen art works.

James Grant, aged 27, had obtained a £10,000 advance from Sotheby's on a Dutch painting estimated at £20,000 which had been stolen in a raid on the home of a dealer two years earlier, Southwark Crown Court, south-east London, was told.

The fraud came to light when the dealer, Mr Peter Norton, aged 75, saw the painting, "Battle of Lauffelb", in a 1986 catalogue of forthcoming Sotheby's sales.

The court was told that paintings and antiques valued at more than £500,000 were were stolen from Mr Norton's home at Christchurch Passage, Hampstead, north London, during the raid in which a housekeeper, aged 42, was stabbed, beaten and bound.

Mr Christopher Pitt, for the prosecution, said: "Grant was dishonestly handling antiques stolen from this country by selling them abroad.

"By September '84, items belonging to Mr Norton began to surface in Spain and Holland. They all came through the same channel, Sotheby's branches in Madrid and Amsterdam."

Grant, of White City Estate, west London, was arrested by the Dutch police in September 1986 after a big police investigation. He was then deported to Britain.

The court was told that among the items he passed through Sotheby's were a Meissen milk jug, a Kang Hsi figurine and a Cartier clock.

Grant, who denied six charges of handling stolen goods between June 1984 and September 1986, was sentenced to two and a half years imprisonment on each count, to run concurrently.

Judge Derek Clarkson said: "There is no evidence linking you to the robberies, only the handling. It's only because there are people like you that others are prepared to resort to robbery and theft on a big scale."

He said: "You are encouraging crime. You caused a loss to the trusting firm of Sotheby's, which isn't going to be made up by anyone."

Probation idea gets mixed reception

By David Nicholson-Lord

Home Office plans to increase non-custodial sentences for young offenders and toughen punishment in the community received a mixed reaction yesterday from the probation service.

It welcomed the concept of "targeting" young offenders but criticized proposals for intensive supervision. The strategy, aimed at those in the 17 to 20 age group, includes intensive supervision schemes for offenders most at risk of custody and local action plans drawn up by probation officers after talks with courts and the police.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, said more emphasis should be laid on offenders paying compensation to victims and reparation to the public. "This can only happen if offenders are punished in the community", he said.

"Custody is needed to punish serious and violent criminals. But for others, custody can be a bad bargain for the community. A 17-year-old thief who is locked up with more sophisticated offenders will probably not come out reformed — but a more skilful and enthusiastic thief than before", Mr Patten said.

Mr Colin Edwards, chairman of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said the strategy of building on existing skills and experience was the right way to deal with people who would be the next generation of parents.

Mr Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, welcomed more consultation with courts but said the emphasis on compulsion in probation orders could be counter-productive.

The strategy comes after last month's Green Paper which proposed radical measures, including electronic tagging, for reducing the prison population. It says probation reports should include a programme of supervision for each offender.

Danger — men falling from the sky

By Patrick O'Hanlon

Parachutists dropped in unexpectedly yesterday and put two people in hospital.

The first casualty was a taxi driver, Mr George Stringfellow, whose drive came to a sudden end when a trainee paratrooper, Private Dominic Lelanje, plunged from the sky on to the bonnet of his new taxi in Queen's Avenue, Farnborough, Hampshire. The private crashed into the windscreen, shattering it, before being swept bouncing over the top of the vehicle as the wind caught his parachute, finally breaking his fall on the road. Private Lelanje cracked several ribs while Mr Stringfellow, of Farnborough, suffered minor cuts, and a headache.

He was taking part in an exercise organized by the Army's Red Devils team.

The impact was almost as violent yesterday for a middle-aged woman sunbathing on a crowded beach at Weymouth, Dorset.

One of a dozen parachutists of the Falcon team dropped from a RAF aircraft while taking part in an air display fell squarely on her, knocking her unconscious. The victim, a woman from Luton, Bedfordshire, was admitted to hospital for observation.

The two parachutists were not alone in falling violently to Earth.

A 22 ft boat crashed on to a road near Grafton, Oxfordshire yesterday after a military helicopter was forced to jettison it because it was making the aircraft unstable in flight.

An RAF inquiry is being held.

'Folly' to axe health authorities

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The replacement of health authorities with management boards to organize health services would lead to increased bureaucracy, the National Association of Health Authorities said yesterday.

In an analysis of proposals submitted to the Prime Minister's review on the NHS by right-wing think-tanks, such as the Adam Smith Institute, and organizations like the Institute of Health Services Management (IHSM), the association claims management boards would make it harder to run the NHS locally.

The IHSM has recommended setting up local boards, saying health authorities cannot act as agents for the Secretary of State and represent the local community.

The association report says: "The replacement of health authorities would lead to greater regulations and bureaucratic controls". The association argues that the creation of boards to replace the mix of lay and professional authority members would make them vulnerable to pressure from local MPs.

"A district management board, owing its loyalty solely up the management line to the Department of Health, is likely to be more vulnerable to policital intervention", the report says.

Radiotherapy overdose

Tests on latest patient to die

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Another of more than 150 cancer patients accidentally given an overdose of radiotherapy in hospital has since died, an inquest was told yesterday.

Tests are being carried out to establish whether the overdose contributed to the death of the patient, Mrs Marjorie Brimblecombe, a mother of two children, who was suffering from throat cancer.

A total of 153 patients received up to 25 per cent too much radiation at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wonford, between February and July this year before the error was discovered.

They were being treated for cancers of the breast, lung and oesophagus. At least 22 of them, excluding Mrs Brimblecombe, aged 47, have died since. But because many were terminally ill, doctors have said their deaths could not be attributed to the mistake.

Two independent inquiries have begun into the circumstances of what is the most serious example yet reported in Britain of accidental radiotherapy overdoses.

At an inquest, opened in Torbay yesterday, PC Joe Satterthwaite, the coroner's officer, said: "In July, Mrs Brimblecombe received a miscalibrated overdose of radiotherapy 25 per cent greater than planned. A post-mortem examination has been carried out and tests are now being carried out to establish if the dosage accelerated her death."

The overdoses began after a piece of decaying cobalt in the radiation machine at the hospital was replaced by a new, more powerful piece. The hospital, which earlier had said some patients were likely to develop side-effects such as scarring of skin, bone or lung tissue, said it would contact all the surviving patients involved and advise them to attend for a non-urgent examination.

Mr Glen Brimblecombe, aged 53, said yesterday that his wife first heard about the mistake from a television news report. "She realized immediately she was one of the victims.

"It was a terrible shock and she was devastated. About 10 days later she became desperately ill. But my wife had been cured. There is a strong possibility that the overdose accelerated her death."

He said he was considering taking legal action against Exeter Health Authority, pending the results of the post-mortem examination. Officials of the authority have acknowledged that there may be many claims for compensation.

The inquest was adjourned to a future date.

Rapid test speeds virus treatment

By Our Science Correspondent

Doctors have developed a rapid test to diagnose infection by a potentially lethal virus which strikes babies, sufferers of Aids and leukaemia, and patients who have had organ transplants.

The award-winning advance, announced yesterday, will enable patients to be given treatment much more quickly. The doctors involved are also trying to produce a vaccine against the virus, cytomegalovirus (CMV), and have been awarded £145,000 by the Medical Research Council.

Dr Paul Griffiths, head of virology at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, Hampstead, north-west London, said rapid indentification of the lethal virus was vital. Instead of a 17-day delay to enable laboratory confirmation of the infection he has used specific antibody tests to detect the infection within 24 hours.

Early studies indicate the method has improved survival rates among bone marrow transplant patients infected with CMV.

The new test has won a 1988 Wellcome prize.

Advertisers go in pursuit of the Grey Panthers

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

In their time they have been described variously as the aged, OAPs, senior citizens, the elderly, old codgers, Woopies, wrinklies, crinklies, or just plain past it.

But Britain's fastest-growing section of the population — the over-55s — is about to inherit a mini-dictionary of new words, terms and acronyms to describe their status in society.

After the introduction of Woopies (well-off elderly people) — to counter Yuppies — Britain's media whiz-kids have come up with Glams (greying, leisured, affluent middle-aged) and Jollies (jet-setting older people with lots of loot). Grandmothers and grandfathers can now look forward to being called Grey Panthers — grey, because of the likely colour of their hair, while in America the term "panthers" refers to a group which is very strong and powerful, particularly in lobbying terms.

The array of descriptions to cover the "new old" will be produced at a London conference next month, called "Capturing the Grey Panther", where marketing and advertising executives will be told they can no longer ignore the old.

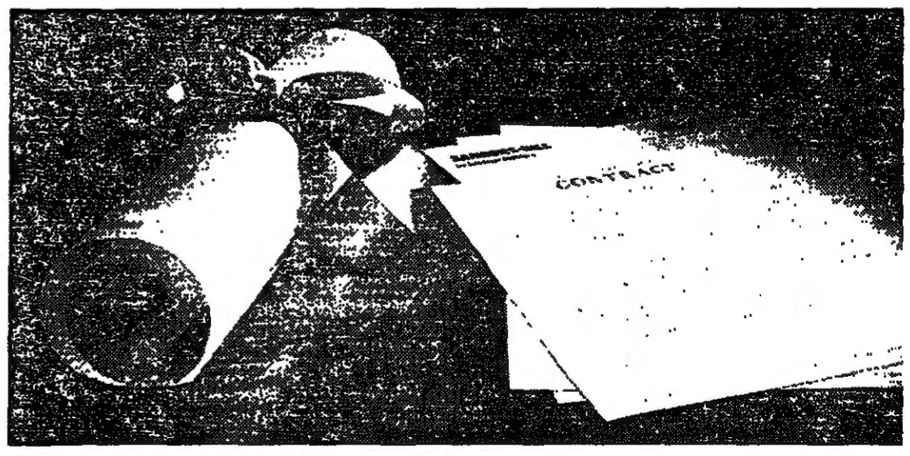
There are more than 14.5 million people over 55 in the United Kingdom and by the turn of the century they will account for a quarter of the population in England and Wales.

Mrs Thelma Henry, the conference organizer, yesterday said the over-55s often felt frustrated at the way they were treated by advertisers and the media.

"Advertisers must realize they should not be dour, depressing and final in their advertising to this age group. They should be positive and invoke a bit of fun," she said.

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British 'master and slave' attitudes affect efficiency

Season of sun breaks and understudies

By David Nicholson-Lord, Richard Ford, Rosemary Unsworth and Roland Rudd



On leave: Mr Kenneth Clarke, Health Secretary.



On leave: Mr Robert Maxwell, the press baron.



On leave: Mr Ron Todd, leader of the TGWU.



On leave: Mr John Banham, director-general of the CBI.

August is the month of the understudy — and as the captains of industry, politics and the City sunned themselves on the beaches of Cornwall, Cannes and the Caribbean yesterday, events were proving the value of a good one.

The wrongfooting of the Government in the nurses' pay dispute is the latest example, according to management experts, of how every organization needs to think carefully about who minds the shop when the boss is away.

The dispute has embarrassed three of the Government's most skilled communicators — Mr Kenneth Clarke, the new Secretary of State for Health, and Mr David Mellor and Mrs Edwina Currie, his two high-profile ministers.

It has also highlighted the dilemma facing holidaying ministers. Should they cut short their holiday and risk an impression of panic where none exists? Or should they stay away and allow their political foes a field day?

For Mrs Currie, who, with Mr Clarke on holiday in Spain, was duty minister, it was an uncharacteristic lapse. She was out of the public eye for 24 hours after talks broke down. By the time she emerged, the damage had been done.

Yet although the problem is particularly difficult for politicians, with the long parliamentary recess emphasizing a national lull in political life, it is by no means confined to them. A glance at absentees throughout the upper reaches of national life shows why.

Three of the four chairmen of clearing banks are on holiday; so too is Mr John Banham, director-general of the CBI; Mr Michael Checkland, director-general of the BBC and Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Sir Peter Walters, chairman of BP, and Mr Robert Maxwell, the millionaire publisher and proprietor of the *Daily Mirror*, have also been on leave.

Mr Maxwell, however, took the unusual step of assuring investors that he was still in charge by conducting a press conference on his group's proposed £1.37 million bid for Macmillan, the US publishing house, at the weekend aboard his yacht, the *Lady Ghislaine*, off Corsica. Sir Peter, by contrast, was away for the announcement last week of BP's first half figures, leaving the work to Mr David Simon, his finance director.

In what may come as a surprise to the purists, however, Sir Peter's approach won plaudits from management experts and industrialists yesterday.

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, chairman of British Satellite Broadcasting, former chairman of GKN and an industry spokesman for the British Institute of Management, said that in a well-run company, most of the small team at the top would know what to do.

"If a decision is so urgent that it has got to be made by the Number One, you haven't got a very good organization. The only problems come with autocracies and there are plenty of those around."

Mr Lance Knobel, editor of *Management Today*, said British industry had performed less well than its counterparts in the United States, Japan and West Germany because it was shot through with "master and slave" attitudes that produced tyrants convinced that they were indispensable. Press barons, he said, were classic offenders.

"A company is in big trouble if no one is indispensable", he said.

Mr Brian Corby, chief executive of Prudential Insurance and a spokesman for the BIM, said: "A Number One should be contactable on holiday, but if you have got to keep making contact, you can't have much of a Number Two".

In politics, August is the traditional month for holidays. Mrs Margaret Thatcher must give her consent to Cabinet colleagues who travel abroad, but it is left to ministers to organize a rota ensuring there is a minister on duty in each department.

The duty minister must remain in the United Kingdom and be contactable 24 hours a day.

At the Ministry of Defence, for example, Mr Archie Hamilton, the Minister for Armed Forces, was on hand to deal with the Provisional IRA bomb attack on the barracks at Mill Hill, in north London, and the shooting of a soldier at Ostend.

While the Prime Minister, on holiday near Padstow in north Cornwall, has Red Boxes delivered by courier, it is left to other ministers to decide whether they have official papers delivered.

Inner-city employment

School-to-job link schemes to be doubled

By David Tytler, Education Editor

School-leavers in the inner-cities were yesterday guaranteed jobs and training in a £12 million government scheme for the next four years in which industry offers employment to pupils who meet previously agreed standards.

Announcing 30 "Compact" partnerships in England and Scotland, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, said that the original schemes had proved so successful that it had been decided to double the number of projects. To take part in the scheme, which is backed by industry and should begin early next year, pupils must have a good school record.

They will have to complete all school courses, have a graded result in a recognized English and mathematics examination, a minimum two weeks' work experience, an attendance record of at least 85 per cent, and 90 per cent punctuality.

Mr Fowler said: "Employers need people with higher levels of skills if we are going to continue to compete effectively in the world economy, while young people will need jobs with prospects. And that means jobs with training, making it all the more vital for employers to forge links with schools."

As Mr Fowler explained his plans, the Inner London Education Authority announced an extension to its own schemes with the South East London Compact, backed by the American bank Citicorp, pledging 400 jobs to school leavers in 1990. The scheme comes after the original Compact in East London scheme, backed by the brewers Whitbread, and the West London Compact, backed by Marks & Spencer, set up last month.

The Government's schemes in England will cover Blackburn, Birmingham, Bolton, Bristol, Cleveland, Coventry, Derby, Doncaster, Dudley, Hull, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, and Hammersmith and Fulham.

Others included are Kirklees, Leeds, Lewisham, Southwark, Greenwich, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newham, Rochdale, Salford, Sheffield, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Walsall, Wolverhampton and Telford. In Scotland, Compacts will be set up in Dundee, Glasgow, Clydebank and Wester Hailes.

● The Government was urged yesterday to ensure that local communities reap greater benefits especially in the provision of jobs from the regeneration efforts of the Urban Development Corporations (Richard Ford writes).

Ministers should direct the 10 corporations to provide employment targets and to have more responsibility towards the local community, a report from the all party Commons Select Employment Committee says.

Mr Ron Leighton, the chairman of the committee, said: "The Department of the Environment should give a clear direction to the UDCs that regeneration is not to be interpreted as the regeneration of land and buildings but is to regenerate local communities".

The committee is highly critical of the London Docklands Development Corporation approach to education, training and employment which it says has been "very limited, poorly monitored and not at all successful".

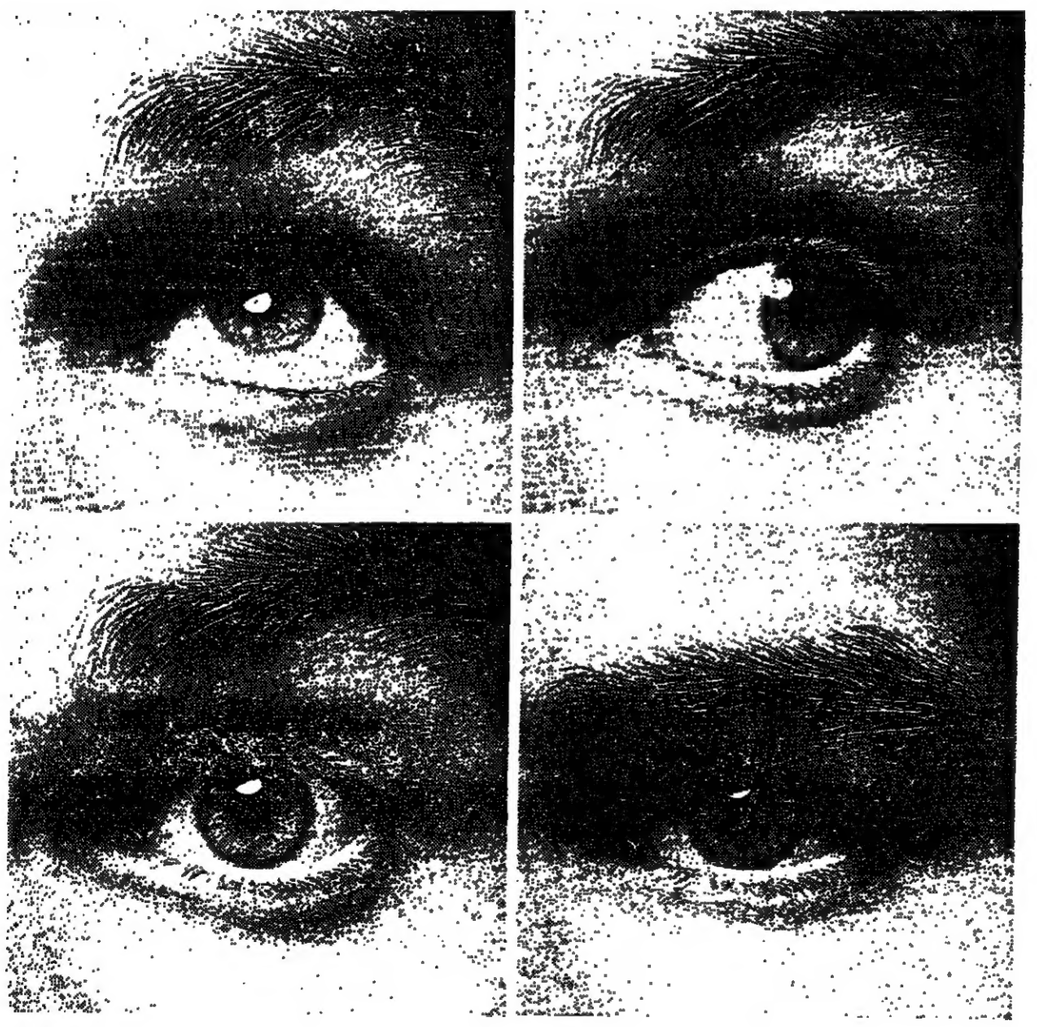
The report says that the number of unemployed people in the LDDC area last April was higher than when the corporation was created seven years ago and warns of the effects on local communities of seeing outsiders getting work at Canary Wharf.

"It is not good for the health of a community for the original inhabitants of an area to see others benefiting, as they see it, at their expense while they suffer from increased road traffic congestion, higher house prices and associated ills. Nor is it just", it adds.

The committee also criticizes the lack of close links between the corporation and the Manpower Services Commission.

● A budget of £270 million will be spent on regenerating the London boroughs of Lewisham, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Southwark through the Government's City Action Team, it was announced yesterday. The London CAT last year spent a similar sum helping people and firms in Hackney, Islington and Lambeth.

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Few use rights to see computer files

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A £200,000 advertising campaign is under way to conquer widespread ignorance of the new data protection laws.

The Data Protection Registrar, Mr Eric Howe, said yesterday that only one in three people seemed to have a reasonable knowledge of the Data Protection Act, 1984, that allows people to see information about them held on computer files.

"We have some way to go in getting the message across to individuals."

So far only some "tens of thousands" of people have taken up their right to inspect files since the Act came into force last November; a figure which could be trebled, Mr Howe said.

About one quarter of the 1,400 complaints to his office each year stem from people exercising their right.

"Either people have not got a reply to a request to see a file; or they do not believe they have been given all the information or are not happy with the information."

Some 80,000 to 100,000 computer-users are in breach of the data protection laws through not registering. So far some 170,000 individuals, firms and companies have registered; and new registrations are coming in at about 250 to 300 a week.

The registrar is checking to see if people have registered and intends to use his enforcement powers. Three prosecutions have been brought and several are pending.

His annual report showed that those concerned about the amount of personal data held on them rose from 62 to 74 per cent of the population in the year to March 1988.

The advertisements point out that people have the right to challenge records if those are wrong; and if denied information, they should take up the matter with the registrar who has power to compel computer-users to comply with the Act.

The registrar is also planning further action over credit reference agencies and the practice of assessing people for credit on wrong information.

Solicitors seek to cut delays in house sales

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

A statutory limit, backed by penalties, on the time local authorities take to reply to search inquiries is being called for by the Law Society, as part of a package of proposals to cut conveyancing delays.

The society, which is urging the Government to take swift action to tackle the "root cause" of delays in house sales, believes that 10 days should be regarded as an "acceptable limit". Many authorities take several weeks and not infrequently more than three months.

At the same time the society is considering a simple, but potentially far-reaching change to the system which could bring about a huge reduction in delays — putting the onus of making the search on to the vendor.

Vendors could have the searches done before putting their house on the market, so saving a potential buyer the trouble and ensuring a much speedier sale.

The society, which has put forward some of its suggestions to the Department of the Environment, also wants some kind of control over fees that local authorities charge for searches, so limiting how often those may be increased. That would save solicitors making inquiries as to the fees with every search.

The society also says there should be some effective form of "audit control" to ensure fees are spent on improving the local search service. It has outlined proposals in a letter to the department, with which it is to have talks on tackling house sale delays.

Mr Tony Girling, chairman of the society's property and commercial services committee, said: "Solicitors are just as anxious as their clients to cut through the irritating delays".

THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ZIA

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THE MAN AND HIS MIND

A political general who outmanoeuvred his foes

By Anatol Lieven

General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq ruled Pakistan for 11 years — almost a quarter of its existence. Yet up to his death he remained an enigma.

The most machiavellian subtlety in his political behaviour contrasted with what seemed the basic simplicity of his character.

Despised as a stupid soldier *on coming to power*, he regularly outmanoeuvred all those who "thought themselves smarter" — which included many erstwhile friends.

The probability is that *without the explosion that claimed* his life yesterday, he would have repeated the process in the *parliamentary and municipal* elections he had called for November.

Without personal arrogance, General Zia possessed a degree of charm which sometimes surprised Western journalists who had expected a harsher appearance in a man who had had his predecessor sentenced to death.

General Zia won respect *even from some of his political* enemies for his lack of vindictiveness. It was said *that his repression, unlike that* of his predecessors, stopped with individuals and was not *extended to attempts to destroy* their families.

From this point of view, he has some claim — despite his legendary capacity for going back on his public promises, which led to his title of Chief Martial Law Administrator (CMLA) becoming known as Cancel My Last Announcement — to be remembered as an honourable man.

General Zia came from middle-class origins, not from one of the great feudal families. He was always a pious Muslim and his personal life seems to have been free of scandal unlike that of his predecessor, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and much of the Pakistani élite.

As ruler of Pakistan he pushed forward a policy of Islamization of the legal system and public life. This played a part in his dismissal *in May of his Prime Minister*, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, who allegedly had not been *moving fast enough in this* regard.

The other generally suspected reason, however, was the growing independence of Mr Junejo, and the extent to which he had alienated the Army, on which to the very end General Zia's rule principally rested.

As so often in his career, the Islamization policy appeared an inextricable mixture of genuine conviction and an opportunistic desire to provide some sort of ideological and moral foundation for his rule and for the Muslim League party on which he sought to base his Government in recent years — otherwise, a *mere agglomeration of* self-seeking local notables attracted by state patronage. He *had little success in this, or in* his avowed aim of restoring Pakistan to democracy. He was *probably hardly sincere in* either aim.

General Zia seems to have cherished the wish to be thought of by all Pakistanis as a sort of benevolent schoolmaster figure, *helping the* nation firmly but wisely along a path laid down by Islamic *tradition and building up* structures that would endure beyond his death. Little of all *this has come about.*

Without President Zia, Pakistan is in much the same condition it was when he came to power — a little richer on the one hand, a little more *violent, criminal and drug*-addicted on the other. It remains without solid pol*itical structures and without* the unifying national ideology that Islam was supposed to provide.

For these reasons, it is likely that General Zia's successors *will be still more generals.* They will be lucky, however, if they possess his political intelligence and stamina.

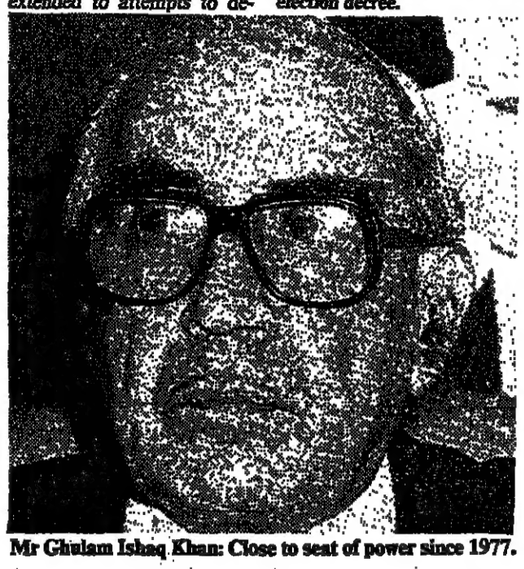


General Zia: Violent end to an 11-year era of machiavellian manoeuvring.

Challenge on election

Islamabad — Miss Benazir Bhutto, leader of the Pakistan People's Party, yesterday launched a legal challenge to President Zia's ruling that parliamentary elections in November be held on a non-party basis (Hasan Akhtar writes).

The opposition leader filed a petition in the Supreme Court asking it to overrule President Zia's announcement on July 21 *forbidding political parties to participate in the November 16* polls. While not banning political parties outright, the Pakistani leader nevertheless had laws redrafted to accommodate his election decree.



Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan: Close to seat of power since 1977.

THE PERSON IN CHARGE

Chairman of Senate takes over the helm

From Zahid Hussain, Karachi

Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, aged 74, who as the most senior civil servant took over as acting President of Pakistan as laid *down in the Constitution*, has been a close associate of General Zia ul-Haq since July 1977 when the general *took power.*

He is chairman of the Senate, and was Finance Minister for eight years of General Zia's martial law *Administration.* From 1977 to 1985, Mr Gulam Isaq Khan was a senior minister and came to be regarded as a virtual prime minister.

Born in the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan, he was elected a senator from the region in 1985, taking over later as Senate chairman. Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, a Pathan, entered the Indian civil service before independence. He has held important posts in various governments including the position of governor of the state bank of Pakistan.

During the last days of the Pakistan People's Party Government of President Bhutto, he was the secretary-general at the Ministry of Finance. Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan is reputed to be a financial wizard. During his term as Finance Minister he kept economic affairs in control despite inherited problems.

While he held the finance minister portfolio, he was also the chief of a joint World Bank and IMF committee for three years from 1982 to 1985.

Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan joined the Pakistan Muslim League, a political party headed by Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, the former Prime Minister, last year. But after Mr Junejo's Government was dismissed by General Zia on May 29 *this* year, he distanced himself from the party and remained loyal to the President.

Because the new acting President has held important positions as a civil servant and later as a politician in almost every government since 1958, it is often joked in political and social circles that he will be a major adviser to even Ms Benazir Bhutto, leader of the opposition, when and if she becomes Prime Minister.

Unlike General Zia, the new acting President is considered a liberal, not much inclined towards religion.

In his position of Senate chairman and acting President Mr Ghulam *Ishaq Khan will be a stopgap arrange*ment until the situation clears or all the army generals decide whether to continue to keep him as President till *the expected elections on the an*nounced date of November 16.

● **NEW YORK:** Ambassador Arnold Raphel, who was killed on board General Zia's aircraft at the age of 45, was one of the US State Department's most gifted younger diplomats and one of America's leading experts in Asian affairs (Charles Bremner writes).

"Arny Raphel was an outstanding *ambassador. I knew him well.*" Vice President George Bush said yesterday on hearing news of his death. Stunned *colleagues at the State Department* said Mr Raphel was second to none in his understanding of the Middle East *and Central Asia, a region in which he* had specialized since 1967.

CRISIS IN THE REGION

Afghanistan expected to be first to feel the impact

By Karan Thapar

The death of President Zia, *the general who took control* of Pakistan in a 1977 coup and who dominated the political scene ever *since, is likely to* throw the country into turmoil and spark reverberations *throughout South Asia*, particularly in Afghanistan.

The general *was* the government of Pakistan. Despite experiments with democracy from 1985 onwards he was widely believed to have personally ruled the country. As President he could appoint and dismiss the Prime Minister and four provincial Chief Ministers, dissolve the national and provincial assemblies and call elections. Last May he exercised these powers and in the process, pending *elections called for Novem*ber, he took over direct control of the Government.

General Zia's military power was underlined by the fact that he retained his position as army chief, to which he was first appointed in 1976. The soldiers, he often said, were his constituency. The most immediate impact of his death, therefore, will be felt not only in the country's political arena but also in the Army.

At one stroke Pakistan has been left leaderless, with no obvious successor. In his 11 years in office General Zia had carefully made sure that no army officer could challenge his authority. The death in the same air crash of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Abdul Rahman, removed the only likely candidate on grounds of seniority.

The succession question is made more difficult by the fact that parliamentary and municipal elections were scheduled for November 16. If a successor from the Army is found, it is likely that the elections will be cancelled or postponed. No general would wish to chance his hand on the levers of power without being certain of full control for at least the foreseeable future.

However from the point of view of the country's civilian politicians and, in particular, its biggest political party, Miss Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party, a caretaker administration headed by the Senate president, Mr Ghulam Ishaq Khan, would probably be the most acceptable option.

But pressure may grow for early elections to fill the power vacuum. That would assume that the Army, unable to agree on a successor from its own ranks, had agreed to allow a return to fully-fledged civilian rule as happened in 1971 following the country's defeat in the Bangladesh war. With the Army demoralized, power passed to civilian hands, under President Bhutto. But it is far from certain whether General Zia's death will lead to a similar transition.

● Pressure may grow for early elections to fill the vacuum ●

If elections are *held*, delayed or otherwise, the general's death is also likely to affect their nature. Last month he announced that political parties would be banned from directly fielding their own candidates and in an interview last week he spoke of a partyless parliament as his ideal. It was always suspected that such a parliament would give him the maximum opportunity to retain control and exercise real power behind a democratic façade.

But given the strength of internal opposition to his views, it is possible that political parties may win their campaign to participate in the polls. In that event Miss Bhutto's party stands to win most votes. Just as her father was the beneficiary of the Army's collapse in 1971, she could emerge as the principal political victor out of the turmoil now likely to ensue.

Among the many policies directly associated with the general and likely to suffer because of his death, two stand out for special attention. One is the general's domestic emphasis on Islamization. In June he decreed that Islamic *Sharia* law would take precedence over all the other laws, undeterred by the fact that there was no overt support in Pakistan for such a policy. Critics maintained that this was because Islamization was used by the general to legitimize his continued hold on power. Almost certainly, Islamization will lapse. The other policy which could suffer is his support for the Afghan Mujahidin and, in particular, the fundamentalist lobby headed by Mr Gulbuddin Hikmatyar and the Hizbe Islami party.

The general was known to be a reluctant signatory to the Geneva accords, the basis for the Soviet withdrawal. He was committed to helping the Mujahidin attain power.

Under General Zia the Mujahidin had been able to establish training camps in Pakistan and, contrary to the technical details of the Geneva accords, he had been prepared to allow the use of Pakistani territory as a conduit for the supply of weapons.

● Islamization is likely to be allowed to lapse quietly ●

Now such direct involvement with Mujahidin cause will almost certainly be scaled down. The result could be a considerable political setback for the Mujahidin and a morale boost for President Najibullah, whose Government in Kabul has recently been besieged by Mujahidin rocket attacks.

It will also adversely affect the US Government's ability to influence the situation in Afghanistan. Since 1980 General Zia was America's principal ally in the region, a relationship which has recently turned Pakistani public opinion against American involvement in the subcontinent. But his death is unlikely to affect the actual military balance between the various Afghan factions as both the Mujahidin and the regime are believed to have large stockpiles of weapons inside the country.

The other arena where the general's death will have an immediate impact is along Pakistan's eastern border with India. As recently as the day before yesterday the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, had accused Pakistan of supporting and abetting Sikh terrorism in the Punjab. Although General Zia had always strongly refuted such allegations and maintained that any aid Sikh terrorists received in Pakistan was not officially sanctioned, in Indian eyes he was seen as the principal proponent of a policy to destabilize the Punjab.

Whatever the truth, in the weeks and months of uncertainty likely to follow the general's death the chance of Sikh terrorists finding sanctuary in Pakistan is bound to diminish.

Although in the next few days the impact of General Zia's death will be primarily felt in terms of the vacuum he leaves, history will also remember the stability of his rule, the steady and sometimes spectacular economic growth during his term in office, and the controversial hanging in 1979 of President Bhutto.

Officially, the general's term in office was to expire in 1990. Recent speculation claimed he would be seeking a further five years, and that he planned a referendum to secure this objective. But in his interviews, which he was always willing to give, he maintained that his ambitions after 1990 were to play golf and watch his grandchildren grow up.



Miss Benazir Bhutto, leader of the Pakistan People's Party ... her political future could depend on how the White House views her party's ability to guarantee stability.

WHO WILL FILL THE VACUUM?

Choices are Bhutto or more of the Army

By Tariq Ali

Who will fill the political vacuum which has been created in Pakistan by the death yesterday of Generals Zia, Rehman and Afzaal, not to mention the extremely politically active US Ambassador, Arnold Raphel? The choices today are limited. It is either the Army again or free elections.

If Washington insists on the latter — and its influence in Pakistan today is such that it can get its way on almost anything — then the outcome is certain. Miss Benazir Bhutto and her Pakistan People's Party would sweep to victory.

If, on the other hand, it is felt by the Pentagon that the only guarantor of stability is the Pakistan Army then *the situation can only get worse.*

A fourth round of martial law in Pakistan would lead, inexorably, to the break-up of the country, *which has* already split once before in 1971 with the defection of what is now Bangladesh.

Another period of military rule could enhance the Lebanese-style situation which already exists in Pakistan's largest city: Karachi.

***Over the past five years there has* been growing violence between different ethnic and religious communities; *the country has seen the birth* of a virtual parallel government run by the heroin mafias and their armed gangs whose tentacles extend into the very heart of the Army and the civil service.**

***Add to this the permanent clashes* between peasants and the Army in Sind, the deteriorating law and order *situation in the city of Peshawar,* where rival Afghan groups sometimes fight each other and often terrorize the *local population, and all the con*ditions are present for a descent into total and complete chaos.**

When Miss Bhutto returned to Pakistan from her short exile in Britain a few years ago she was greeted by millions of people. She drew much larger crowds than either her late father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (hanged on Zia's orders in 1979), or Mrs Ghandi in neighbouring India. The most popular chants at these meetings was: "Zia must go. Zia will go".

***Now he has gone. What will she do?* The message of the crowds that greeted her in 1986 was warm and *friendly, but it was obvious that they* were not prepared for an immediate insurrection. What they seemed to be saying was this: We will vote for you but we are not prepared to die for you. Since that time, Miss Bhutto has been waiting patiently for the elections.**

Two years ago there was an attempt *on her life. Soon afterwards she was* invited to meet the American Ambassador (the same Mr Adam Raphel *who died in the aircraft with Zia). He* advised her to be patient. He suggested *that Zia was an ageing leader who would soon retire and the only* alternative was herself.

As a result of these conversations *the anti-American stance of the* Pakistan People's Party was considerably modified. This created serious *divisions within the party. None the* less Miss Bhutto kept her side of the bargain and continued to wait for an *election confident that she would win.*

Elections in Pakistan were initially scheduled for 1990. Then Zia found *that a Government which he himself* had created had got too big for its boots. He decided to get rid of it and ordered new elections. These were to be held in the middle of November this year.

Just as the political paties were preparing to celebrate, Zia totally confounded observers by insisting that political parties could not participate in the polls.

***They would be open only to* individual candidates who had to be independent of any party affiliation. This move united every political party from the rabidly right-wing Muslim Fundamentalists leftwards. Mr Raphel then issued a public statement saying that in the view of the United States there should be no partyless elections in Pakistan.**

Even as the political parties were *setting aside their differences to begin* a joint campaign for proper elections it became clear that General Zia was now totally isolated inside the country. His only support was the army.

Zia's death will not be mourned by *large numbers of his countrymen.* He was seen from first to last as a military dictator who was in power exclusively because of the Army. He was becoming unpopular even inside the Army itself, which was beginning to view his political manoeuvrings with distaste.

Zia's removal from the scene has unleashed a new crisis in Pakistan, which can be resolved only by permitting the people of that country the chance to determine their own *government. In its entire history* Pakistan has had only one free election. The person elected as a result of it, *Zulfikar* Ali Bhutto, was toppled by Zia's *coup d'etat* in July 1977.

For the last 11 years Zia was an absolutist ruler, brooking no opposition and making sure that he kept both his own Army and the Pentagon happy. It will not be easy for the United States to find an immediate replacement for him inside the armed forces and any attempt to do so would be totally counter-productive.

***Pakistani democracy has not had* much success since the formation of the country in 1947 but it deserve to be given another chance.**

●Tariq Ali is the author of Can Pakistan Survive? (Penguin Books).

THE COUNTRY

Violent tradition claimed former leaders

By Paul Vallely

The violent death of the national leader is nothing new *to Pakistan, despite* the country's short history.

Its first Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, was assassinated, and its last President, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, was hanged after General Zia seized power in a military coup in July, 1977. Indeed, violence has been an all too familiar characteristic of the nation since it came into existence in 1947 when colonial India was partitioned.

From the outset, Pakistan suffered from a number of probably insurmountable handicaps. The religious divide between Muslims and Hindus in the region meant that the new Islamic republic was made up of two sections of territory more than 1,000 miles apart, separated by the vast area of India.

In addition, *the partitioning* brought about the unnatural division of the previously coherent Bengal and Punjab districts.

Although Pakistan had one-*fifth of the subcontinent's area* and people it secured less than 10 per cent of its factories and industry. *To compound the* problem, large numbers of Hindu and Sikh managers and businessmen left.

Amid such a paucity of capital and technical exper*tise, economic chaos and a* political vacuum followed inevitably when Pakistan's charismatic leader, Mohammed Ali Jinnah, died within 13 months of independence. Liaquat Ali Khan was assassinated in 1951.

Soon afterwards his successor was sacked and Pakistan was thrust into a spiral of authoritarian diktat and political intrigue from which it has never properly emerged. In 1958 his successor, Iskandar Mirza, declared martial law.

Martial law has been in force more often than not ever since. Protests of civil disobedience against it all too *often has degenerated into* violent conflict.

It was during one such period of internal turmoil in 1971 that India decided to invade to protect its fellow *Hindus. After a short but* decisive war, the East became independent as Bangladesh in December, 1971.

Defeat brought the downfall of the military regime and the *opposition leader, Mr Bhutto,* took over as President. After elections, which his opponents *claimed he rigged, civil tur*moil developed and more than 1,000 people died.

General Zia seized power, postponed elections indefinitely, dissolved all political parties, introduced censorship, detained opposition politicans and introduced *measures to promote Islamic* law.

In December, 1984, he unexpectedly announced a national referendum to seek approval for Islamization and *to confirm him as President* for a further five-year term. Unsurprisingly the result was a 97 per cent "yes" vote.

With an apparent new confidence General Zia in 1985 allowed elections to local and national assemblies.

Later that year he was sworn in as President for five more years. In December he lifted martial law.

Moscow timetable of reform brings glasnost to public

Moscow (Reuter) — The weekly *Moscow News* published yesterday a "Calendar of Political Renewal" which outlines the main events on the reform agenda, bringing the Kremlin's *glasnost* campaign directly to the people for the first time.

Though many of the events cited had already been announced by officials, analysts said the calendar gives the Soviet citizen in the street his first clear, chronological guide to the forthcoming stages of political reform.

Most notably, the calendar announces that the Communist Party Central Committee will hold a plenum in November to prepare for a parliamentary session on political change later that month. Meetings of the committee of about 300 members are generally not announced in advance.

The Central Committee regularly meets just before Supreme Soviet (Parliament) sessions, however, and the November Supreme Soviet session had been announced in July.

The calendar also gives the first indication of when the Central Committee will hold its long-awaited plenum on ethnic relations, saying that the groundwork should be finished by early next year.

It says that streamlining of the Central Committee apparatus should be completed by the end of this year and the number of party bureaucrats will be reduced in a general reshaping aimed at improving efficiency.

Early next year, the calendar says, work will start on a new law giving local authorities greater power to manage their economies free of intervention by Moscow.

Later, legislation will be drafted on youth, the rights of trade unions and non-official associations, and the press. By mid-1989 judicial reforms are due to be implemented and a revision of the Soviet legal code complete.

The stage-by-stage process of overhauling party and government bodies was also outlined in the calendar.

Elections to party leadership posts, which got under way this month, are due to be completed by October at the grassroots level, by November at the district and city level and by December at the regional and territorial level.

In October the authorities will publish proposals for revising present legislation and the Soviet constitution aimed at giving a legal grounding to the reforms.

After a month of "nationwide discussion", which usually takes the form of a press debate, the Supreme Soviet will enact the changes and amend the Constitution. That will allow the election next spring of a new Congress of People's Deputies, which will elect a Soviet President and appoint a smaller, bicameral Parliament from among its members.

The Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, who proposed these reforms at the party conference in Moscow this summer, is expected to expand his power after the elections in March and April by becoming the new President while retaining his post as party leader.

The calendar says that elections will be held in the 15 Soviet republics, and at lower levels, in the autumn of next year and the new bodies would convene the next December.

All party and government officials elected in the coming polls will be limited to two five-year terms in office.

● **Graves found:** *Moscow News* also said yesterday that more than 500 graves of people shot at the height of Stalin's purges in the late 1930s had been found in a forest in Byelorussia.

The paper also said that officials were interviewing pensioners who as children had seen groups brought in lorries along the "road of death" to the Kurpati forest near Minsk every day from 1937 until the Soviet Union entered the Second World War in 1941.

Protesters besiege Sydney parliament



A demonstrator confronting a policeman outside the New South Wales Parliament when more than 50,000 students, teachers and parents protested in Sydney yesterday against education cuts.

It was the biggest public demonstration since the Vietnam War (Robert Cockburn writes from Sydney). Groups from across New South Wales filled the city's Domain park to hear speeches condemning cuts in teaching staff and facilities before marching on the State Parliament. The protest was planned to coincide with the formal opening of the new parliamentary session and the chants of demonstrators could be heard inside the chamber.

As MPs got down to political business, the debate on education led to the stormiest scenes in the House since the election of the new Liberal Government in March, leading to the removal for 24 hours of the former Labour State Premier, Mr Barrie Unsworth.

It is forecast to be the first of many confrontations inside and outside the House as the new Premier, Mr Nick Greiner, attempts to put through a radical programme on public spending, privatization and union reform.

Joggers get grim warning of risks they run

From Robert Cockburn
Sydney

Mr Mark Dorrity, an Australian jogger aged 28, has experienced the most frightening medical warning yet to millions who run for pleasure.

On a four-mile fun run last February his healthy body was destroyed by heat exhaustion and dehydration. Near the end of the jog with friends, his thigh muscles overheated so much that they began to digest themselves, dissolving so much that they died.

The dying muscles released toxic protein into his blood, thickening it to the consistency of molasses, poisoning his kidneys until they failed. In the heat-induced delirium his bodily warnings to stop were ignored. He simply ran himself into the ground — with devastating consequences.

There was peripheral circulatory failure, affecting every organ with damage to the brain, heart, lungs and kidneys. Since then gangrene developed and one leg had to be amputated at the buttock.

He was in a coma for three months. Only now, nearly six months later, can he talk about it from his bed in St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney. He still needs help to move.

According to medical staff, Mr Dorrity suffered the rare condition called *rhabdomyolysis*, more commonly known to athletes as extreme muscle fatigue.

According to Dr Tony Miller, of the Sports Medicine Institute, the muscle fatigue usually affects serious athletes who go beyond their normal training patterns, over-stressing large muscle groups.

What concerns observers and Australians hooked on jogging is the relatively short time in which Mr Dorrity was struck down.

For a young man who graduated from New South Wales University with an athletics blue and who trained regularly, he was running well within his limits. At home in Melbourne he ran more than two miles a day and swam two miles a week.

The events of that day — February 28 at Wagga Wagga, in southern New South Wales have implications for runners both young and old.

Local competitors chose to cancel their run as the temperature reached 107°F. Mr Dorrity remembers that "it just didn't feel that hot". In the dry heat, and after drinking several glasses of water, he set off with friends. When he collapsed his buttock and hamstring muscles had liquefied, his lungs ceased to function and his heart stopped.

At Wagga Wagga hospital he was packed in ice to lower his body temperature from 108°F. He had acute kidney failure and after transfer to St Vincent's was kept on renal dialysis for eight weeks.

Dr Elliott Savdie, a kidney specialist, describes Mr Dorrity's condition as the worst case of rhabdomyolysis he has known, probably the worst in Australia. Mr Dorrity now faces months of physiotherapy to restore life to his limbs.

In interviews this week, Mr Dorrity still showed difficulty in his speech.

He said: "You have to accept it straight away. Otherwise what's the point of living. I'm very lucky to be alive. I'm a medical miracle. It's a warning to other runners to be extremely careful."

Further concern about lesser, but more widespread, dangers of running in extreme conditions has been expressed in California where Dr David Neiman, of San Diego, said that runners had been found to be more vulnerable to everyday viruses.

Swaziland police crackdown on crime

Mbabane (AP) — Police in Swaziland have arrested 198 people in a massive security operation in which they blockaded every road into the capital and searched cars, houses and pedestrians.

The blockade began at dawn on Tuesday in an attempt to stamp out a crime wave that has plagued the country for several months. Authorities said most of those arrested were illegal Mozambican refugees who would be repatriated. Arms, ammunition and drugs were also found.

Hess rally

Bonn — Bavarian police arrested 18 people who attempted to hold a rally in Wunsiedal to mark the first anniversary of Rudolf Hess's death in West Berlin's Spandau jail.

Raiders flee

Gladbeck (Reuter) — West German police abandoned a search for two bank robbers involved in a 14-hour siege. Police provided them with cash and a car on promises that two hostages, still missing, would be freed later.

Poison toll

Bombay (Reuter) — Twenty-five people have died and 50 are in hospital after drinking poisonous alcohol bought in a Bombay slum. Two women have been arrested.

Voting change

Brasilia (Reuter) — Brazil's Constituent Assembly approved the vote for 16-year-olds. Obligatory voting starts at 18 years.

Rough justice

Peking (Reuter) — Four policemen have been jailed for torturing an innocent man who died trying to escape from them, the *Legal Daily* reported. He was wrongly suspected of kidnapping a three-year-old girl.

Indian resigns

Delhi (AFP) — Mr Arun Singh, former Minister of State for Defence and once a close aide to the Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has resigned from Parliament. No reason was given.

Bomb fears

Brunico (AP) — Police found dynamite beside a cable car near this Alto Adige city. Earlier, a bomb allegedly planted by Austrian extremists ruptured water pipes and started a landslide at nearby Lana. Italy and Austria both claim the region.

Free stroke

Hanover (AFP) — Two young East German railway workers donned wetsuits and swam across the Elbe river to escape life in the Communist bloc.

Drugs netted

Dhaka — Heroin with a street value of £147,000 was found in a fish warehouse in the old city. Two arrests were made.

Correction

A photograph of the Burmese politician U Sein Win on August 4 was incorrectly identified as U Sein Lwin, the then socialist leader.

Olympic flags and balloons mask Seoul's fears

From Gavin Bell
Seoul

South Korea has begun its one-month countdown to the Seoul Olympics in a curiously mixed mood of pride, acrimony and uncertainty.

On the surface all is well. Thousands of flags, giant balloons, images of the Games mascot (a Korean tiger), and celebratory speeches attest to a sense of achievement in staging the biggest Olympiad in history.

For many Koreans, however, the festive air is tempered by concern over political conflicts that threaten their nascent democracy.

The most spectacular civil unrest has come from militant students protesting against President Roh Tae Woo and his Government, seen as vestiges of past authoritarian regimes. Fortunately for the ruling Democratic Justice Party, the minority of student activists have failed to gain public support for their violent campaign, and it seems unlikely that they will attempt to disrupt the Olympics.

The more pragmatic student leaders admit that, without popular sympathy, it would be political suicide to sabotage an event regarded as a symbol of national prestige. They envisage the protests continuing but confined to university campuses well away from Olympic venues.

However, signs of a more ominous conflict are beginning to emerge from the National Assembly and party headquarters.

Having gained an overall parliamentary majority, the three opposition parties are infuriating the once ominpotent ruling party by demanding investigations into its past conduct.

Top of the opposition hit list is former President Chun, facing charges of corruption,

Tokyo (AFP) — More than 13,000 post offices in Japan are to check from today letters and parcels bound for South Korea to ensure the safety of the Olympics. The Posts and Telecommunications Ministry said the checks were meant to stop terrorism, particularly explosions on aircraft by bombs in parcels or letters.

and his acolytes responsible for the bloody suppression of an anti-government uprising in 1980.

After barely six months in office, the Government is bridling at the unprecedented challenges and has begun muttering darkly about the need to restrain dissident dogs snapping at its heels.

The threat of a right-wing backlash was explicit in the recent suggestion by Mr Kim Yong Kap, the hardline Minister for Government Administration, that the Constitution should be amended after the Olympics to restore the President's power to dissolve Parliament.

The predictable outrage expressed by the opposition parties did nothing to diminish tensions in the sharply divided legislature.

Again, it appears the Olympics will be shielded from this political turmoil, since the opposition leaders have more or less acceded to a request from President Roh for a truce until the Games are over.

Adding to the uncertainty have been tentative moves towards a rapprochement with North Korea. The climate improved yesterday when Pyongyang agreed to a meeting of parliamentary delegations tomorrow at Panmunjom, in the demilitarized zone between the two countries.

They are to discuss prospects for a non-aggression pact — the two Koreas are still technically at war — and for North Korean athletes participating in the Olympics.

The meeting coincides with mounting demands in the South for reunifying the peninsula, most vociferously expressed by the students and translated by Mr Roh into a proposal for summit talks with the North Korean leader, President Kim Il Sung.

However, the division of Korea is as complete as that of Germany, and the demilitarized zone is as formidable an obstacle as the Berlin Wall. Each side is deeply suspicious of the other's motives, and it would be naive to anticipate a significant breakthrough.

Happily for the Olympic organizers, reports have been filtering out of Peking that North Korea has given assurances that it will make no physical attempt to disrupt the Games. What happens thereafter is another matter.

With a huge international security operation in full swing, the South Korean Government is confident it can contain the threat of terrorism. And with various truces taking effect, it believes the Olympics will not be affected by the country's political conflicts.

Of growing concern to many Koreans, however, is what will happen after the flags and balloons have gone.

More Polish miners strike for trade union freedom

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

A two-day old strike by 4,000 Polish miners in Silesia was reported to have spread yesterday to a second mine when 400 miners at the Morcinek works staged a sympathy strike.

At the same time port workers in Szczecin went on strike demanding trade union pluralism and higher wages, officials said.

The Szczecin strike, though not explicitly in sympathy with the strikes in the coal mines, appears to be part of a Solidarity-inspired campaign.

The strike at the Manifest Lipcowy works at Jastrzebie, near Katowice, began on Tuesday, when the 4,000 workers of the morning shift staged a sit-in. Earlier, the night shift had agreed to demand that the management recognize the banned trade union, Solidarity. To prevent later shifts joining the strikers, several hundred police yesterday sealed off the mine.

According to opposition sources, telephone links with the colliery have been cut. Despite talks between the strikers' leaders and the management yesterday afternoon, the strike is not expected to end quickly.

The authorities have declared the strikers' action illegal and will not concede any degree of recognition for Solidarity.

As well as the demand for the reinstatement of the Solidarity union, the strikers are also calling for higher wages, better working conditions, and an end to the harassment of Solidarity activists. They are also demanding the reinstatement of colleagues sacked for political reasons.

The strikes in Silesia are an unwelcome reminder for the Government of the seething discontent which General Jaruzelski's reform programme has aroused. The programme has involved price increases without any significant compensating wage rises.

Although the authorities are hoping that the miners will eventually be bought off, as has happened in several similar works stoppages earlier this year when pay increases quickly defused strikes, a spokesman for the strikers yesterday was adamant that the strike would not end until their demands had been met.

"We will continue and hope that other mines will follow our example," Mr Stanislaw Pasek, a member of the strike committee, reiterated yesterday morning.

For the authorities, the solution to the strikes, which have come during the usually calm holiday season, is unlikely to be the use of force. As during the shipyard strikes at Gdansk earlier this year, the authorities will attempt to drive a wedge between the Solidarity activists and other workers who may have joined the strike simply out of dissatisfaction.

A spokesman for the management of the Manifest Lipcowy works yesterday said that the talks with the strikers had not "touched" on the issue of Solidarity but were limited to wage demands.

New Caledonia heads problem agenda

Bumpy ride for Rocard

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

The first stirrings of a resumption of French political life were felt yesterday when, fresh from their summer holidays, President Mitterrand and his Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard, held a Council of Ministers' meeting which heard reports on the economy and international relations.

A statement afterwards condemned the US trade Bill as protectionist and advocated retaliatory measures, but the new Socialist Government has bigger worries than this and can expect a bumpy ride this autumn as it tries to govern without an overall majority in Parliament.

One of the most pressing matters is the problem of the future of the French territory of New Caledonia. M Rocard appeared to have scored a success at the end of June by getting the pro-independence Front de Libération Nationale Kanak Socialiste (FLNKS) movement and the "loyalist" Rassemblement pour la Calédonie dans la République (RPCR) party to sit at the same table in Paris and reach agreement on a new draft law for the islands' future.

Now the two delegations have again arrived in Paris to begin further talks today.

The agreement worked out in June calls for a referendum in France to approve the proposals. These are that the territory will be governed directly from France for the next year after which a more balanced pro-independence and loyalist administration will be set up leading to a New Caledonia referendum on independence in 10 years' time.

The June meeting was the first time that the two sides had met face to face for the past five years. Relations between them had deteriorated so far that there was intercommunal violence. Tension reached a peak when pro-independence radicals killed four gendarmes in April and took 24 others hostage.

The FLNKS leader, M Jean-Marie Tjibaou, has had a hard time getting the different factions within his party to support him in these new moves to find a lasting solution. They want assurances on who will be able to vote in the independence referendum in 10 years' time.

M Rocard has said the agreement reached six weeks ago will not be modified, but a shift of emphasis on certain points might be possible.

The idea of seeking the French public's approval for what many see as eventual independence for New Caledonia is to prevent a future conservative government from scrapping the present agreement and starting again. The territory has suffered a deluge of changing statutes as different French governments have succeeded each other.

However, President Mitterrand's statement in June that the referendum would be held on September 25 now appears over-optimistic. With many details still to be sorted out during this week's discussions, the Government is prudently saying that no firm date has yet been set.

Top judge decries national wrangle at European Court

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

Lord Mackenzie Stuart, president of the European Court of Justice, has roundly condemned member-states of the EEC involved in a bitter dispute over the national composition of Europe's highest legal authority.

Lord Mackenzie Stuart, who retires from the position of Europe's most senior judge in October, said that it would make no difference if the court was made up "entirely of Russians".

His indictment comes at the end of 15 years in the position, during which he has helped to build an institution that has become the unacknowledged driving force of European integration.

As Britain's first European judge, residing in futuristic court buildings overlooking the ancient walled city of Luxembourg, he has presided over the evolution of Community law and witnessed it slowly permeate almost every aspect of the daily life of Europe's 320 million citizens.

"During the past 15 years the court has issued a series of landmark rulings which have helped change the face of Europe, and it has received scant recognition for its efforts," Lord Mackenzie Stuart said in an interview with *The Times*.

Rulings enforcing equality between the sexes over retirement ages, the introduction of Continental-style tachographs to monitor long-distance lorry journeys, and the decision to declare the air transport cartels illegal, were listed by Lord Mackenzie Stuart as some of the most seminal judgements of his career.

But, he insists, these landmark rulings should not be allowed to obscure the constant flow of less spectacular decisions which receive little public attention, but have none the less chipped away at Europe's entrenched internal trade barriers.

Such rulings, now running at a phenomenal rate of 200 a year, have forced Britain to levy Value Added Tax on a variety of consumer goods and services, compelled West Germany to open up its domestic market to foreign beer, and ended Italy's illegal prohibition on imports of pasta.

At the time, his appointment by Mr Edward Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister, who led Britain into Europe in January, 1973, was greeted with astonishment. What on earth, it was asked, possessed an Englishman to appoint a Scot as Britain's first jurist in Luxembourg?

But in many respects he was the ideal candidate. Born in 1924, the son of a professor of law at Aberdeen University, he had collected two law degrees before acquiring a reputation as one of the few British experts in European jurisprudence.

In all, there are 19 members of the court, including 13 judges, one from each member-state, with the thirteenth judge drawn in rotation from the larger member-states, and six advocates-general responsible for drafting preliminary opinions.

The court exercises jurisdiction over three categories of cases: national courts seeking preliminary rulings or interpretations of EEC law; cases brought by the member-states for failing to apply EEC law; and cases brought against Community institutions by member-states.

● The Council of Ministers are behaving like spoilt children. Nationality ends at the European Court's doorstep ●

Lord Mackenzie Stuart



Eager to dispel the popular misconception that the court is impotent because it has no powers of enforcement of its own, Lord Mackenzie Stuart insists that the problem of compelling member-states to adhere to its rulings present few difficulties.

"About 50 per cent of the court's work comes from the national courts seeking preliminary rulings. So it is the national courts, which are effectively composed of Community judges, that enforce EEC law," he said.

When the EEC decides to crack down on infringements of the Treaty of Rome, such as last month's decision by the European Commission to fine British Sugar £2 million for abusing its dominant market position, the money is collected like any other debt through the national court system.

"Where the Commission takes a member-state to court, it cannot send in a battalion of soldiers and say 'Arrest that Prime Minister'," Lord Mackenzie Stuart concedes reluctantly. "But hardly a month goes by without a Council of Ministers' meeting of some sort, and no country likes to come into the room with a ruling hanging over its head," he said.

Although the Commission's internal market programme for creating a barrier-free Europe by 1992 now dominates the headlines, Lord Mackenzie Stuart says that it contains little that is not already provided for in the founding treaty.

"The court has been dealing with these problems for 25 years. It has made hundreds of rulings demolishing trade barriers, with scant recognition for its efforts."

"Britain's coverage of the court's work is pretty shocking. But other countries are equally bad. Most editorial boards are just too damn mean to pay the train fare to Luxembourg," he said.

The court is currently working flat out to clear the backlog of cases before the new judicial session begins in October. But because of the failure of the Council of Ministers to agree on the rotation of the thirteenth judge, progress is being held up.

"The Council of Ministers are behaving like spoilt children. Nationality ends at the court's doorstep. The treaty says nothing about its national composition. In theory it could be made up of 13 Russians. This squabble is utterly deplorable."

Lord Mackenzie Stuart is expected to be replaced by Sir Gordon Slynn, the British Advocate-General, whose position is likely to be filled by Professor Francis Jacob, a specialist in Community Law at King's College, London. Their appointments should be confirmed next month.

Along with Britain's other prominent European, Lord Cockfield, the outgoing Commissioner for the Internal Market, Lord Mackenzie Stuart seems destined to take up the position on the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Communities.

"It would be an honour to be asked to serve Europe in the Lords," Lord Mackenzie Stuart said. "But I do intend retirement to be retirement."

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Republican losers fall into line over choice of electoral running mate

Bush delighted by backing for Quayle

From Michael Binyon, New Orleans

Vice-President George Bush, preparing for the most important political speech of his life tonight, said yesterday that the response to his selection of Senator Dan Quayle of Indiana as his running mate had been "overwhelmingly favourable".

And as he checked the trouble-plagued acoustics in the huge Superdome, where a roll-call of Republicans was later due to nominate him unanimously, he told reporters that the other contenders for the vice-presidency had all accepted his choice graciously.

Senator Robert Dole congratulated his conservative colleague. Congressman Jack Kemp admitted that his family had not been "jumping up and down" when he received the phone call from Mr Bush, but later came out strongly in support of Mr Quayle.

There were some doubts among the delegates over Mr Quayle's youth — he is 41 — low-key Senate record and lack of exposure to the rigours of a national campaign.

But most Republicans insisted that the attempt to reach down to a new generation would help the party with young voters and women.

Conservatives were particularly pleased. The Rev Pat Robertson, who formally released his delegates on Tuesday evening to support Mr Bush, called it a tremendous choice. "In areas like abortion, school prayer, that sort of thing, he's right down the line with Evangelicals," the television preacher said.

Many delegates recognized that Mr Bush, while clearly aiming to keep the party to the right on defence and other issues where he can draw a clear contrast with the Democrats, also was determined to pick a running mate who would not overshadow him.

Senator Quayle, a rich white Presbyterian lawyer from a state that is overwhelmingly Republican, does not bring ethnic diversity to the ticket, though he may boost his party's strength in the critical Middle West. But he is energetic, telegenic, and — as commentators point out repeatedly — bears an uncanny resemblance to the actor, Robert Redford.

"I can't believe a guy that handsome wouldn't be attractive in some respect" to women, Senator John McCain, of Arizona, said.

There may be political drawbacks, however. Recently, Mr Quayle led Republican efforts in the Senate to defeat a Bill requiring employers to give advance notice to workers about plant closings and lay-offs.

The issue, eventually abandoned by President Reagan, was a strong campaign theme for the Democratic Party.

Mr Quayle, who is a member of several sub-committees of the Senate armed services committee, was also a vocal critic of the US-Soviet medium-range arms treaty, although he eventually voted for it.

One nagging question from his past also surfaced immediately — an incident in 1980 when, as a congressman, he and two male House of Representatives colleagues spent a weekend in Florida with a lobbyist called Paula Parkinson, who later appeared nude in *Playboy* magazine. She later confessed to an affair with one of the congressmen, but Mr Quayle insisted that he spent most of the weekend playing golf. The incident was quickly forgotten.

Several speakers on the second day of the convention added praise of Mr Quayle to their speeches. Mr Robertson and former President Gerald Ford promised their support.



Senator Dan Quayle, left, and Vice-President George Bush acknowledging the cheers at the Republican Party convention.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Thousands join Burma protest

Bangkok (AP, Reuter) — Up to 5,000 people protested against Burma's Government yesterday, the biggest demonstration since last week's rioting forced the resignation of President Sein Lwin after only 18 days in office.

The protesters gathered in front of Rangoon General Hospital, which has become a rallying point after security forces fired on hospital staff and other demonstrators during last week's unrest. Diplomats said yesterday that at least 3,000 people were killed in Rangoon alone during the five days of nationwide protests. Quoting hospital officials, one diplomat said that thousands more had been wounded.

Unlike last week's protests, however, security forces made no effort to intervene in yesterday's demonstration, according to one Western diplomat. Estimated at 3,000 to 5,000 strong, the demonstrators carried placards and listened to students leading the campaign to end the one-party system. Two days of government talks start today to choose a new President and more demonstrations are likely.

Dole detention plea

Senator Robert Dole, the United States Senate minority leader, has urged the British Government to allow public inspection of detention centres in Hong Kong where 10,000 Vietnamese boat people are held waiting to be sent back to Hanoi. British official sources said that Senator Dole and Senator Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota wrote letters to Sir Antony Acland, the British Ambassador in Washington, about the overcrowded camps. Whitehall sources said any decision rested with the Hong Kong Government.

Early Singapore poll

Singapore (Reuter) — Singapore's Parliament was dissolved yesterday and a general election called for next month, 15 months ahead of schedule. A Government statement said the Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, advised President Wee Kim Wee to dissolve Parliament and that voting, which is compulsory, would take place on September 3. The timing of the polls comes as no surprise. Singapore's economy is booming, wages are high and unemployment is negligible.

Lebanese election

Franjieh triggers a new round of shelling in Beirut

From Robert Fisk, west Beirut

For the first time in 16 months, the Christians and the Muslims of Beirut shelled each other into the early hours of yesterday morning. The Christian Phalangists and the Druze militia were shooting at each other.

Three bombs also exploded near Syrian checkpoints in the west of the city.

One person died near Kfar Shima on the edge of the southern suburbs.

All over Beirut it was possible to hear the sound of the guns. It was a sure sign that the Lebanese were about to hold a presidential election.



General Aoun: Considered acceptable to the Syrians.

The reason for the bombardments was evident to everyone in Beirut. Mr Suleiman Franjieh, the Christian Maronite former President from northern Lebanon, had declared his interest in standing for the presidency, though he knew that no parliamentary quorum would ever be found to elect him.

Mr Franjieh, of course, is Syria's man, and the Christian Phalangists had said that they would never allow him to be re-elected at the poll in the Lebanese Parliament today.

Nor, to be frank, do the Syrians expect him to become President. Mr Franjieh is an old friend of President Assad of Syria, but he has a number of serious disqualifications.

He blames Dr Samir Geagea — the leader of the Phalange, who would also like to be President — for the murder of his son, daughter-in-law and grandchild. Dr Geagea therefore finds it hard to accept his nomination.

Thus it was that the Phalange urged Parliament not to elect a man "who bears grudges and whose accession to power would touch off the (civil) war again".

In Phalangist eyes, Mr Franjieh is "a confrontational candidate" who would restart the conflict in Lebanon "and would lead to the repartitioning of the country, as well as obliterating all chances of national entente to end the civil war".

The Phalange wanted, it said, "a reconciliatory President". And, since this cannot be Dr Geagea, there is a widespread assumption that General Michel Aoun, the Lebanese Army's Chief of Staff, might be the preferred candidate.

The Syrians would probably accept General Aoun, and it may be that they felt the only way of ensuring that Dr Geagea did not stand was by promoting Mr Franjieh. In this extraordinary way are compromises reached in Lebanese politics.

In west Beirut Syrian troops increased the number of their roadblocks yesterday, searching cars and demanding drivers' identification. The Lebanese Army was said to have been told to put troops on to the streets, even though Christian members of the Army are believed to have joined the Phalange in the early-morning shelling against Druze positions south-east of Beirut.

The Phalange was saying — through an anonymous spokesman — that it would use "all available political options" to prevent Mr Franjieh's election. There would be no quorum in Parliament, the Phalange said, to elect Mr Franjieh, who was President of Lebanon from 1971 to 1976.

An editorial in the Damascus *Syria Times* said yesterday that "those who plan to obstruct the course of the elections should realize that the issue of building Arab Lebanon has long been decided and their sinister plan will do nothing to obstruct the constructive process".

The key phrase was "Arab Lebanon", for it is Lebanon's Arab identity upon which Syria has always insisted.

Khartoum floods force evacuation

Khartoum (Reuter) — The Sudanese authorities, nervously watching the flooding Nile, began evacuating thousands of people from two threatened areas of the capital yesterday.

The evacuation of two heavily populated areas was the first in Khartoum by the Government since the Nile started rising two weeks ago after heavy rains in Sudan and at its headwaters in the Ethiopian highlands.

The Blue Nile and White Nile, converging in Khartoum's twin city of Omdurman, have pushed the river level up just short of the record 1946 flood.

Diplomats and relief officials said a massive evacuation of people living on the banks of both rivers was virtually impossible because of the Government's meagre resources. Impoverished Sudan, crippled by foreign debt, was stretched to the limit by a relief effort to feed an shelter more than 1.5 million people already made homeless by flooding.

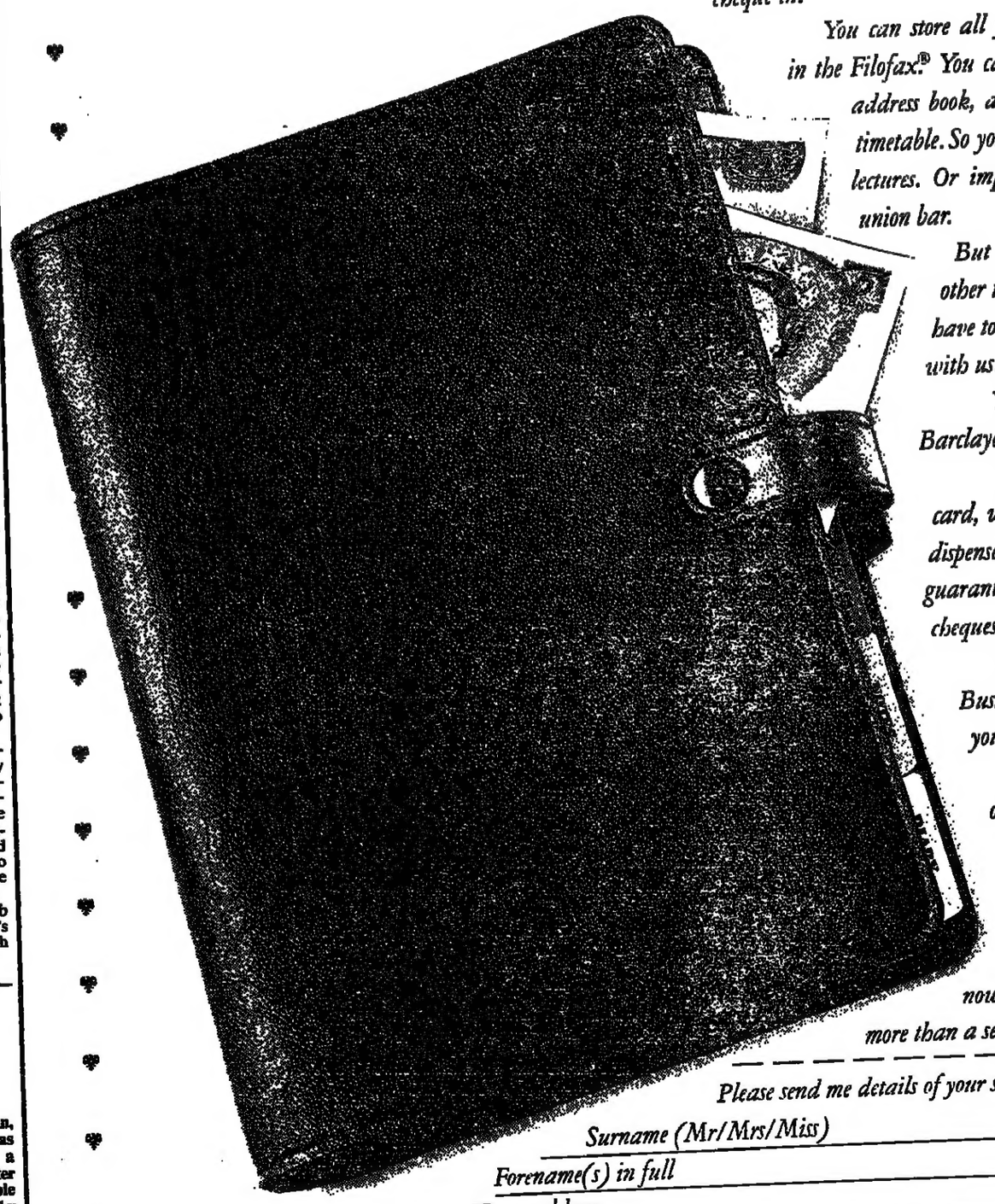
Earlier this week the authorities in Sudan's central region began to move people away from the banks of the Blue Nile.

The Sudan news agency Suna said the authorities in Khartoum yesterday began moving the inhabitants of al-Kalakla and al-Tiraa districts away from the White Nile. Already the flood has reached the doorsteps of hundreds of houses in Khartoum and in Omdurman.

In the al-Mogran area, near the confluence of the Blue and White Niles, the floods have inundated a huge area of farmland.

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SPECTRUM

For a generation the PLO leader has had the vision of an independent homeland for his people — now he must face a new realism

An exile in dreamland

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YASSIR ARAFAT



Yassir Arafat was sitting in a black plastic chair in one of those high-rise apartment blocks which the PLO used to use for strategic meetings in West Beirut. It was 1980 and there was a power cut. The perspiration dripped down his face while functionaries brought cups of scalding hot tea. Armed men stood guard in the darkness downstairs.

He had talked already for half an hour about why the Palestinians in the West Bank had not risen against the Israelis. They had no guns, he said. They were too oppressed. But he had claimed, unconvincingly, that he would still live to see the day when Jerusalem would be the capital of a state of Palestine, a "liberal, democratic state", as he kept insisting.

But, he was asked, would this really be true? Would Palestine welcome foreigners — journalists, for example — any more freely than the other Arab dictatorships that already existed? Would Arafat give *The Times* correspondent a multiple re-entry visa to his new Palestine? Arafat's face lit up: "Of course — why not?" Then an aide muttered in his ear. Arafat raised his hand. "That is," he said, "if I am the president of Palestine." He had been reminded about that word "democracy".

Arafat's vision of a Palestinian state has always had an ambiguous quality about it, mainly because the different factions within the PLO could never agree on the nation which they wished to create. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine would have a socialist state, temporarily limited only to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine does not like the word "temporary". Arafat conceded after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon that he would start a state on even one square yard of Palestinian land. He would settle for the West Bank if that was all he could get.

He had a habit, before he left Lebanon for the limbo of further exile in Tunis and Baghdad, of producing from his pocket an old Palestine pound note, issued by the British mandate authorities in Jerusalem before 1948. "See the names on this note?" he would ask. "One is Arab, the other Jewish. See how the bank note is printed in Hebrew and Arabic."

That tatty bank-note came to summarize a sort of dream, a land that equalled in size the old mandate Palestine, in which Jews and Arabs would live together in harmony under a coalition government. It did not envisage that the Jews should be "driven into the sea", but there would clearly be no place for Zionism or for those who dreamed of Israel as a nation-state. Since Israel already exists, it was equally clear that another ingredient was missing from his dream: realism.

It is this vital but missing element in Arafat's policy that Jordan's King Husain has now decided to test. Instead of speaking rhetorically about "the return", Arafat has to deal — immediately — with the problems of incipient statehood: how to pay a Civil Service, how to maintain roads and hospitals and health care, albeit from a distance, in the face of Israeli opposition and without a real state to his name. When the 451 members of the Palestine National Council meet next month, probably in Algiers, Arafat is going to have to talk about the realities which he has so long ignored. What kind of state does he really want to set up — and inside which frontiers?

In the past, his ambivalence has enraged his more intellectual supporters. One of them recently recalled how Arafat had held a conference of young Palestinians in Lebanon to discuss his future state. What, the intellectual had asked him, would this nation be like? "Ask them," Arafat shouted from the stage, pointing at children in the first row. "It is up to the children — all of them — to decide this question." The intellectual, himself a member of the PNC, retreated in anger from the hall. "It was brilliant rhetoric — but what did it mean? Did he really expect us to go round canvassing babies about what they wanted?"

In private, Arafat admits that the best he can expect is a West Bank state. The PLO's national covenant, the same document which so damagingly precludes any recognition of the state of Israel, is clearly designed for a "non-sectarian" nation in all of Palestine before Israel was created 40 years ago. But in 1974, the PNC — the same "parliament in exile" that is to meet next month — endorsed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Palestinian national authority "in any territory recovered from Israeli occupation". It is this resolution upon which Arafat is likely to lean in the coming months.

Arafat was born Rahman Abdul Raouf Arafat al-Qudwa al-Husseini in 1929 — official documents say in December of that year, although Arafat celebrates his birthday on August 4 — and there are doubts about whether he was born in Jerusalem, as he claims, or in Cairo or the Gaza Strip. After a spell as a school teacher, he became the leader of the youth section of a rag-tag Gaza guerrilla group known as "Al Faoutouwa". He says that he participated in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

BIOGRAPHY

- **1929:** Born, he says, in Jerusalem
- **1952:** Cairo University. Diploma in engineering
- **1956:** Reservist in Egyptian Army. Formed Fatah
- **1969:** Chairman of Fatah Central Committee and PLO Executive Committee
- **1971:** Commander, Palestinian High Command; expelled from Jordan
- **1974:** Addresses United Nations General Assembly
- **1982:** Withdraws from Beirut with 10,000 followers after Israeli invasion of Lebanon and establishes headquarters in Tunis
- **1983:** After return to Lebanon, withdraws from Tripoli following battle with dissident PLO factions
- **1985:** Divides operations between Tunis and Baghdad; escapes Israeli air attack on his headquarters in Tunis

He was a second lieutenant in an Egyptian Army demolition squad during the 1956 Suez War, but at this time — by his own account — he very sensibly lost faith in Nasser's ability to restore Palestine to the Palestinians. He talked of founding an independent Palestinian movement with two friends, one of them Khalil al-Wazir — the man who, as Abu Jihad, was murdered by the Israelis in his Tunis home earlier this year. It was after the Egyptians put Arafat on their own wanted list that he obtained a Kuwaiti passport — under the name of "Yassir Arafat" — and founded the Palestinian guerrilla movement, calling it "Fatah". The letters of the word in reverse order mean "The Palestine Liberation Organization". It was somehow symptomatic of Arafat that his brainchild should have to be read backwards.

The Algerians gave it first support, and Arafat — allegedly an *habitué* of the expensive St George Hotel in Beirut —adopted a new, semi-socialist philosophy. He opened his offices in refugee camps. In 1964, his guerrillas staged their first operation against Israel. The Arabs were both astounded and, of course, hostile. And not without reason. In Jordan and then in Lebanon, he treated his host countries with less respect than the non-existent state of Palestine about which he spoke. When he was first evacuated from Lebanon in 1982, he spoke cloyingly about the love of the Lebanese for the PLO. If such love existed, it was never reciprocated.

But among Palestinians, there was indeed a deep affection that manifested itself most obviously when he visited the refugee camps of Lebanon or emerged on to the streets of West Beirut when his army was winning its spurs there during the Israeli siege of 1982. "The old man" ("al-khityar"), they called him — because of his participation in the 1948 war. He understood then for the first time the importance of international recognition, even though he had already made his famous appearance at the United Nations, offering both the gun and the olive branch to the world. Personally, he brushed up his image, learnt better English, understood that to ask questions in reply to questions was one of the most convincing ways of demonstrating independence in television interviews.

Loyalty to his friends was perhaps one of his most admired characteristics, and it almost did for him. When his local PLO commanders fled southern Lebanon before the Israeli Army in 1982, he stood by them, even when evidence of their cowardice was clear to the guerrillas who were now Israel's prisoners. It was this characteristic error that allowed Syria to create a rival movement, composed at one point of some of Arafat's hitherto most trusted colleagues. When asked about this in Tripoli just before his second humiliating evacuation from Lebanon, he removed his hat, revealing his bald pate, passed a handkerchief over his face and said, in a broken voice: "Please do not ask me this question."

His anger was reserved then — as it is more discreetly now — for Syria and for the other Arab states that have, in his eyes, betrayed him. For it is a fact of PLO history that the Arab nations fear the emergence of a revolutionary Palestinian state almost as much as Israel.

In public, President Assad of Syria would speak of Arafat's political mistakes. In private, he complained at the way Arafat always wanted to kiss him in public. Arab leaders, like their Western counterparts, prefer statesmen in pin-striped suits and ties, not in *kuffiahs* with pistols strapped to their waists.

Can he survive the turmoil of his own making? Can he restrain the forces for whom he cannot go far enough? The next few months will be the ultimate test of his leadership. If he heads a real government-in-exile, he will have to focus on the concessions as well as the victories of statehood. Some of his closest advisers have already been floating the kite of Israeli recognition. Now, at the risk of signing his own death warrant, Arafat has to speak those words of recognition himself.

Robert Fisk

The arrival of the anti-gene

SCIENCE REPORT

Australian researchers have designed, built and tested enzymes which could neutralize the effects of harmful genes. In a normal cell, DNA information is carried from the genes to other parts of the cell called ribosomes by molecules of messenger RNA. There, the information is turned into protein. The new "designer" enzymes destroy certain kinds of messenger RNA which carry harmful instructions, and could be used to "switch off" harmful genes permanently.

The enzymes could also be used to attack viruses. Although most viruses — in common with all other living organisms — store their genetic information in the form of DNA, some (such as the human immunodeficiency viruses, HIV, which cause Aids, and many plant viruses) store genetic information in the form of RNA. This means that the new enzymes could work directly on the genetic material of the virus, without waiting for it to be "transcribed" from DNA into messenger RNA.

Enzymes are biological catalysts — they accelerate and promote chemical reactions without permanent change to their own structure, which means they can be used again. Most enzymes are large, complicated molecules made of protein. What is unusual about the new "designer" enzymes is that they are made not of protein but of RNA, chemically related to the messenger RNA they attack. Furthermore, the small size and simple structure of these RNA enzymes makes their manufacture easy and cheap. The equipment to make RNA molecules is already available commercially and is being used in many laboratories around the world.

In the latest edition of *Nature*, Jim Haseloff and Wayne Gerlach, of the CSIRO Division of Plant Industry in Canberra, report their results. They started with long, chain-like molecules of RNA which can, in certain circumstances, catalyse the break-up of the chain into smaller segments. The genetic material of some RNA viruses can duplicate itself hundreds of times from a single circular RNA chromosome by rolling off the copies in a long line from the circular chromosome template. The long line of RNA is cut up into virus segments by the newly-made RNA.

The RNA segments then close up into circles and, when clad in a protein coat, each circle makes a new virus. Haseloff and Gerlach have identified the features of the RNA that enables it to cut itself up so accurately every time, and used these principles to design their own "ribozymes", molecules of RNA that cut other RNA molecules in particular places designated by the designer. Haseloff and Gerlach designed and built three synthetic ribozymes based on the RNA cutting machinery of a plant disease virus called Tobacco Ringspot Satellite Virus.

Haseloff and Gerlach foresee the immediate application of synthetic ribozymes in the laboratory as molecular "scissors", cutting out particular pieces of RNA. Because ribozymes are small and easy to design, they will give researchers flexibility to produce one for every conceivable situation.

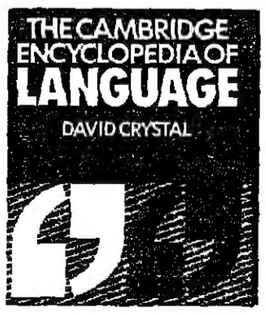
This contrasts with the bacterial proteins currently used in molecular biology to cut up RNA which are large, complicated, and difficult to alter. The ability of RNA to act as a catalyst on itself made research news in 1982 when Tom Cech, of the University of Colorado, and his colleagues found that a piece of messenger RNA in a single-celled animal called *Tetrahymena* spliced out an apparently useless piece of itself. But the excised piece turned out to have catalytic properties of its own, promoting the growth of long RNA molecules from shorter ones. In December 1986, Cech and his colleagues, Arthur Zaug and Michael Been, found that the way the excised piece is removed can be altered in a predictable way, so paving the way for designer ribozymes.

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From Acid House to the Balearics

What is the link between acid and House, between Ibiza and a music that does not exist?

MARK PEPPER



On the House: the dance floor's answer to New Age music, trance dance and acid at the Fridge, in Brixton, London

Every season has its craze. Rick is a Croydon soul boy, still faithful to the once fashionable uniform of white T-shirt and distressed jeans with a two-inch rip up the ankle seam. Acid House is not his music but as a freelance club organizer he knows that this is the acid summer of love and is shrewd enough, perhaps reckless enough, to bring it to north London on a Wednesday night. "It'll last until September," he says with authority.

Tottenham's Websters club, host to Rick's Buzz: Aceced House Syndrome, lies just behind the police station. There are a few punters on the dance-floor who know the form — hands in the air and moving in a convulsive robotic version of Idiot Dancing — but they are outnumbered by the shy and bewildered, some of whom have doubtless heard sensationalist reports of drug-crazed, love-suffused trance dancers and are waiting for the action to happen.

Acid House has been the surprise phenomenon of the summer. It has proved the current maxim that jaded pop tastes are ready for anything if it is extreme and unpredictable.

And what is Acid House? Towards the end of 1985 a few records began to appear in shops specializing in imported American dance music. One of the earliest records, a five-track EP called *Funkin With the Drums*, by the curiously named Farley Funkin Keith, encapsulated most of the essential message of the style. There were no vocals, no chords, no impressive instrumental solos — just an even, relentless drum machine beat coloured by distant nagging synthesizer sounds and random noises.

The following year Britain "discovered" the scene behind these intriguing records. Its home was a Chicago club called The Warehouse where the DJ, Frankie Knuckles, played disco records from the 1970s. Within the flood of House records that came out of Chicago, distinct styles began to emerge. One was the eccentric and predominantly instrumental sound that has been called a 1980s equivalent of free jazz, music for contemplation, the dance-floor's answer to New Age music, trance dance and acid.

As usual, the drug connection was a great exciter of media interest and moral panics. It was a record by Phuture called "Acid Tracks" that first suggested, perhaps erroneously, the connection between the weird hypnosis of instrumental House and a revival of interest in the drug of the Sixties, LSD.

By early summer, the Acid House trend was gathering strength. Although House music has long been popular in the Midlands and North of England, it has been resisted in London until recently. Now, London has once again taken possession of a music and manufactured a trend. With trendiness comes bandwagon-jumping, and a defined, if misguided, style. At the door of Regine's Indy Acid, in Leicester Square, it seems that a uniform of Seventies glitter, post-Goth and Indo-hippy is in its early stages of development. Dressed otherwise, you will probably be rejected.

In June, a DJ named Nicky Holloway started a club called Trip, at the Astoria, in London's Charing Cross Road. The publicity handout claimed that "Trip has it all — not least of which is Cloud Cuckoo Land, situated in the Upstairs Room and hosted by Ravi Shanka!".

Holloway's club followed the example of Paul Oakenfold's Spectrum and Danny and Jenny Rampling's Shoom Club. All of them had spent time in Ibiza and found that exposure to a more European style of DJ-ing, with its eclectic disregard for rules, had led them to relax their streak of British purism and play records simply because they liked them. They christened this rather banal discovery of "having a good time" Balearic Beats.

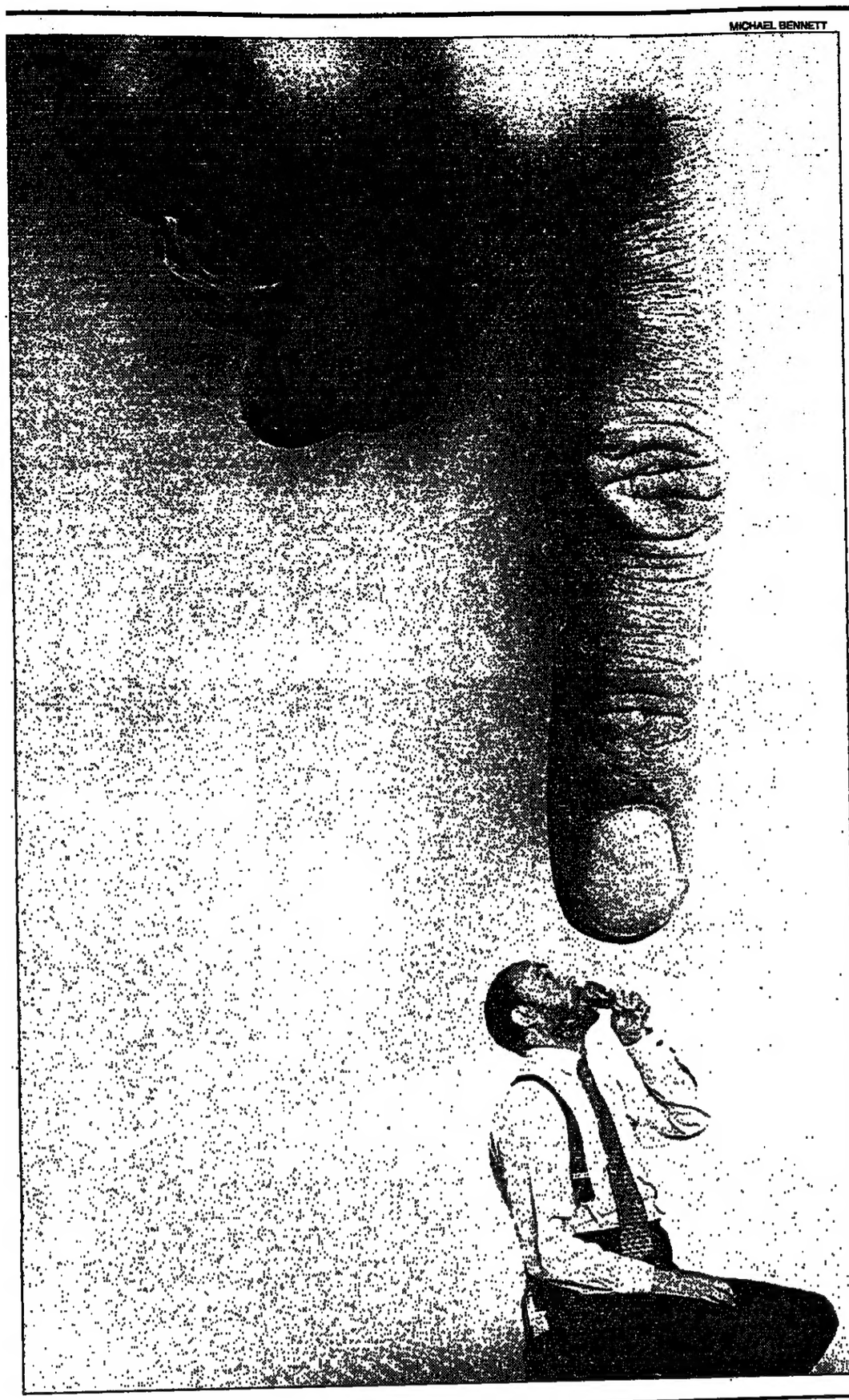
As a music, Balearic Beats doesn't exist. It is simply a type of record with a certain feeling. There is more sensational, though no less vague, ground for observers when it comes to the subject of drugs, because the feeling of Balearic Beats and Acid House is currently being enhanced by Ecstasy. There are differences of opinion as to what degree the use of this so-called "designer drug" has increased, and there are contradictory theories about its possible dangers. In the recently published book *Storming Heaven: LSD And the American Dream*, Jay Stevens concludes: "Ecstasy didn't create insights so much as remove barriers and eliminate the native fear of appearing emotionally clumsy and foolish."

At Websters there are a few individuals who don't mind looking emotionally foolish but their stimulus seems to come from the excitement of the records. One tall, gaunt boy looks in the grip of possession, however, while his friend impassively gazes out over the other dancers. Eventually they storm out. A little later they are spotted across the road outside the Ritzy, a club with probably few aspirations towards mind expansion. Like a Dalek in trouble, one of them still thrashes in his stiff-limbed way while a gaggle of Ritzy patrons look on. Tottenham has seen worse.

David Toop

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The curse of the working glasses

Millions of working days are lost through alcohol abuse, but do we want our employers to keep an eye on our drinking? Liz Gill reports

When Oscar Wilde described work as the curse of the drinking classes he probably had nothing more strenuous ahead of him that afternoon than an aphorism or two. For most people, however, drinking on the job can mean falling down on the job, metaphorically if not literally.

Boozing is expensive for British industry and commerce. A report from Action on Alcohol Abuse three years ago put the cost in lost hours, decreased production, unemployment and early death at £1.5 billion. The Royal College of Physicians estimates that between 8 million and 14 million working days a year are lost through excessive drinking, compared with 3.8 million through strikes.

The extent of the problem is such that last month a ministerial group, chaired by the Leader of the Commons, John Wakeham, met to consider ways of curbing workplace drinking. When all day opening of public houses in England and Wales becomes a possibility next week, some fear the potential for abuse will increase.

The government as employer is expected to set an example but many companies have already initiated alcohol policies aimed at education, prevention and cure. Alcohol abuse pressure groups want to see more.

"It's thought one in 10 people has a problem, and 75 per cent of heavy drinkers are in full-time employment," says Ossie O'Brien, director of Alcohol Concern's workplace advisory service. "It applies at every level, too, which is why we see the workplace as an ideal place to tackle the problem."

Heavy drinkers are more accident prone, and have more sick leave and unexplained absenteeism; poorer concentration, impaired judgement and lowered efficiency.

"You can have sickness 'presence' where someone is at work but not with it," O'Brien says. "Yet they may have to drive, operate potentially dangerous equipment or make important decisions." O'Brien and others want to see a non-punitive approach that encourages an individual to seek help before it is too late.

"What we're talking about is the impact of alcohol on your work, not on what you do in your private life – except as it impinges on your job, if, for instance, you are so hung over you cannot function properly," O'Brien says.

Though it is still hard to squeeze into a City pub at lunchtime, he believes there are signs of change. But many companies are reluctant to discuss their policies for fear they might be seen as having a special problem. Others claim "Yes, we have a policy, we sack 'em".

Six major factors have been identified as influencing alcohol consumption: availability, freedom from supervision, separation from relationships, very high or very low income, stress and social pressures.

Rosemary Riddell, author of a recent report on the subject for the Industrial Relations Review, believes that because drinking and working are so linked, companies can do a lot to combat the problem. "Even something as straightforward as a pleasant canteen will keep staff away from the pub."

Her study of several companies with policies on alcohol misuse points to several elements crucial to success: education, training, trade union involvement, consistency and confidentiality. Difficulties included convincing those who needed help that the process was there to aid not punish, and overcoming collusion.

"Colleagues frequently cover up for someone's poor performance, even when it means bearing the brunt of the work themselves. They think they are being kind."

In fact, a drunk in the office soon turns it into an unpleasant place. Professor James McEwen, head of community medicine at King's College School of Medicine, mentions aggression, ill-temper, sexual harrassment and deception as typical traits. McEwen has compiled a booklet for the Industrial Society which gives advice on setting up an alcohol policy. Its guide to identifying the problem in individuals suggests watching a person's mood, money-borrowing habits, personal appearance, attention to hygiene and punctuality as well as his job performance.

An alcohol policy, McEwen says, must be communicated to everyone in the company. An individual could then self-refer or colleagues could draw management's attention to the problem. Supervisors, trade union representatives, personnel and occupational health staff would be alerted to the danger signs and be given guidance on how to approach a worker.

Instant dismissal would almost certainly be considered unfair by a court or industrial tribunal, McEwen says. However, all companies back up the carrot of help with the stick of the sack.

Dr Richard Welch, principal medical adviser at the Post Office, which has had a policy for its 200,000 employees for four years, stresses: "We have no greater problem than anyone else. But if we have the same as anyone else that's enough to worry about."

The Post Office has produced its own training and education video, *Someone Like You*, which offers different scenarios of alcohol-influenced behaviour and responses, including the unreasonably irritable clerk, the stressed executive, the colluding colleagues and the boss who turns a blind eye. The video has been snapped up by 160 companies.

No statistics or personnel files are kept on the subject, deliberately. "So we cannot quantify our success in those sort of terms. My own gut feeling is that there is a genuine reduction in drinking in working hours."

Glasgow District Council, one of the bodies studied by Riddell, reports that of the 1,000 employees treated by the Industrial Alcoholism Unit since 1978, 650 have made a satisfactory recovery.

Dr David Moore, medical services director of Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, says its policy has helped several hundred of its 24,000 staff over the past 10 years. "I would guess we've saved maybe 50 per cent of them from disaster."

Moore says organizations which launch alcohol policies must not think they will solve abuse entirely. "An alcohol policy is like democracy. It's not perfect but it's the best we've got."

And he points out that Britain is still near the bottom of the consumption league of Western Europe.

"We are not the New Puritans," O'Brien says. "This is not a witch-hunt against drinkers. We believe alcohol is a pleasure if handled properly. What we're concerned with are the harms done by misuse."

Nor did anyone need to fear that company alcohol policies might give malicious colleagues an opportunity to make false accusations. "Of course you could suggest that so and so is a boozer but if someone continues to work well, there is nothing to make the allegation stick," Riddell says.

The TUC has welcomed policies on abuse provided they incorporate all staff. "It's no good having workers disciplined if management are entertaining clients upstairs," says a spokesman. It wants to see the problem acknowledged as a health issue, with appropriate sickness leave and job security.

The advantages of a constructive approach are considerable, McEwen says. "The potential benefit of saving even 5 per cent of employees must be considerable, and if you are positive about it you prevent others developing a problem. The old way of doing things was never to mention the problem. The fellow was just got rid of for 'other reasons'."

A case for compassion?

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



Whatever the statements of the South African Justice Minister, President Botha and his colleagues will be sleeping better now they know that Nelson Mandela (right) has TB. The discovery of a pleural effusion in an older patient is always alarming. In a young man the most likely cause would be an infection, whether tubercular or due to pneumonia, but in a patient of Mandela's age the immediate thought would be of heart failure or malignant disease. Either would have increased the government's embarrassment; as it is, Mandela should make a speedy and complete recovery. But his infection would provide an admirable excuse for compassionate discharge, after treatment, as TB has retained its 19th-century reputation with the public.

When pleural fluid has gathered as a result of heart failure it has few cells in it and a low specific gravity, and is unlike the fluid found in cases of pleurisy due to infection. In pleurisy the pleura, the covering of the lungs, becomes swollen and inflamed so that fluid oozes out from the damaged vessels, collecting at the base of the pleural cavity. Mandela's doctors will have carried out a pleural tap, a thoracentesis, by thrusting a wide bore needle through the chest wall and through it removing the probably straw-coloured fluid for analysis. They will have found that it was rich in protein and contained many mature white cells; pathologists will have later been able to culture tuberculosis from it and, mercifully, will have failed to find any malignant cells.

Malignant effusions can often be recognized even in the ward as they tend to be bloodstained.

Mandela will need careful hospital treatment, as the most common cause of failure to respond is that the patient has failed to follow the prescribed regime – something that is particularly likely in older patients, who tend to become rather casual about taking pills. During treatment at least two drugs will be used, sometimes three, so that resistant strains of tuberculosis do not develop. All being well, the sputum is clear of tuberculosis within three months, but sometimes a change of drug regime is needed.

As in many cases, Mandela's pleurisy was a sudden onset, although he had apparently been looking tired and unwell for a few weeks and had developed a chronic cough and hoarse voice. The pain of pleurisy, made worse by breathing or coughing, is felt over the affected part of the chest and may also radiate to the shoulder; occasionally it produces a diagnostic conundrum by causing abdominal rather than chest pain. As the tuberculosis is eradicated Mandela's general health will improve and with it he should be restored to his old vigour.

– but there are more than 30 times as many calories in a helping of plum duff pudding than in a helping of carrots.

Killer asthma

The death this month from asthma of Mrs Erica James – the active and popular wife of the rector of Diss in Norfolk, beloved of Sir John Betjeman – while still in her thirties has shocked her family, her husband's parishioners and her friends in the Parson Woodforde Society (Mr James was previously at Weston Longville). The inquest was told that she had not shown any signs of suffering from allergies until earlier this year. Her death has, however, served as a reminder that asthma remains a killer. Recent reports have emphasized the importance of high dose steroid treatment early in an attack and the need to measure the severity of the breathlessness with a home peak flow meter, as without it patients and doctors find it hard to gauge the degree of breathlessness (although in Mrs James's case this doesn't apply as she was in hospital). It is possible that she belonged to a group of women who fail to respond, or respond badly, to standard treatment. Dr H. Beynon, N. Garbett and P.J. Barnes of the Brompton Hospital, writing in *The Lancet*, have drawn attention to the natural history of asthma in women. It tends to start later in girls than boys, the first attack often coinciding with the start of periods. In a third of older women there is a cyclical nature to their asthma attacks: they tend to be worse in the pre-menstrual phase and at that time attacks occasionally fail to respond to conventional treatment, including high-dose steroids. The good news is that the three doctors have treated three patients, all with potentially life-threatening asthma, all of whom had demonstrated the cyclical nature of their attacks, with intra-muscular progesterone, the hormone used to treat pre-menstrual tension. All three lost their pre-menstrual restlessness.

Fat and fatality



When the heart of Steve Walsh, the 25-stone Radio London disc jockey, had to bear the added stress of an operation, albeit one prolonged by his bulk, it failed; according to the coroner, his recent death could be attributed to his weight. It is an extreme example of the dangers of obesity, although corpulence always – even if less dramatically – shortens life expectancy by reason of hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, proneness to accidents and many other troubles. The answer, according to Dr Michael Spira, does not lie in slimming tablets, bizarre lifestyles or slavish adherence to diets but in learning to enjoy your food, thereby becoming a gourmet rather than a gourmand, a connoisseur rather than a glutton, and so eating rather less but rather better. His book, *How To Lose Weight Without Really Dieting*, is filled with the advice a patient always hopes to receive from a conscientious practitioner whose opinions have been tempered by constant contact with people from every walk of life and every type of personality. As well as giving advice on weight loss, it offers the answers to a host of problems. It also includes menus and recipes, for Dr Spira has found, in common with many doctors, that patients are increasingly demanding specific as well as general advice on how to lose weight. Although advising us against precise calorie counting, he has included a list of the calorie contents of common foods, which always make fascinating reading. It is perhaps encouraging to read that a glass of whisky provides well under a third of the number of calories of a portion of Stilton

On the trail



Depressed insomniacs who wake up early enough to join the Prime Minister in listening to the Radio 4's early morning farming programme will have learnt with interest of the recent increase in snail farming: the growers hoped to increase production to meet the needs of restaurants which have been having difficulties buying a variety of European garden snails traditionally used to prepare escargots. Some restaurants have been serving the South-East Asian land snail Achatina *as a substitute. They are equally tasty but,* The Lancet *warns, can be dangerous if they are not well cooked in the French manner at high temperatures and served with a garlic sauce – a process guaranteed to kill the worm larvae which is a parasite in the South–East Asian land snail and has caused over the last few years a minor epidemic of meningitis, occasionally fatal, in the area. The European snail is free from the infection.*

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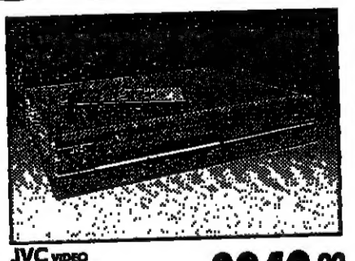
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TIMES DIARY

SHERIDAN MORLEY

It is just possible that I may at last have solved the Great Summer Holiday Airport Chaos Constant Rain Shock Horror Scandal. My younger daughter Juliet and I have taken to going to bed on trains. For a mere £18 per night, plus of course the fare to wherever the train happens to be going, British Rail will supply you with a bunk, clean linen, free magazine and hot cup of tea plus biscuit in a double cabin with spectacular views of railway sidings all over England, and no nasty foreign ticket-collectors or couchette-things you have to pull down out of walls over prostrate foreigners.

We have admittedly so far only tried Reading to Penzance and back, but the journey was full of revelations: not only can you get microwaved hamburgers on Reading station at one in the morning but on the return journey, because the Cornish must retire very early of an evening, the sleeper actually leaves Penzance at about 8, thereby allowing one to sit up in bed in broad daylight watching picturesque bits of Devon speeding past. EuroRail has nothing to beat that, least of all the biscuits.

The reason we went to the area for all of 36 hours, most of them happily spent in British Rail beds, was that I had been asked to take part in a documentary being made by Television South-West. It's about 50 years of the Minack, that amazing open-air clifftop theatre in Porthcurno, where generations of university students and others have been staging summer shows, in which the awfulness of the acting is usually compensated by the breathtaking natural beauty of the surroundings.

If you are doing a *Tempest* or a *King Lear*, there is no better setting this side of Epidaurus, and back in 1963 I was an Oxford student in a *Romeo and Juliet* there, playing the father of Michael York, who was also back last week to be sworn in as the Minack's new president. Standing on that clifftop again after a quarter of a century, all we could really remember was its creator: a remarkable Cornish battleaxe called Rowena Cade who hacked that theatre out of the rocks with her bare hands and an occasional lawnmower. "I had to sack my cook, dear", she once told me, "when he refused to carry the rocks up the cliff-face to make a proper stage". Like Sybil Thorndike and Lilian Baylis, she was a craggy old theatrical genius who, unlike them, lived her whole life on that Cornish cliff watching generations of amateur actors clambering around the stage in her vertical garden. She died, aged 90, a few years ago and is now commemorated in a superb new Minack exhibition centre which opened last week.

Hasten to that when next in the West Country, but avoid at all costs the neighbouring Land's End which has been turned, into a hideous kind of miniature plastic Disneyland where they have the gall to charge three pounds for admission to a row of tacky souvenir shops. The result is a monument not to the last acre or so of England before it vanishes into the sea, but to what happens when you allow an entrepreneur anywhere near a landscape — total ruin on a scale unenvisaged even by the marketing department of the Goths.

After Antony Sher's "Year of the King" and Simon Callow's "Being an Actor", we have a third masterpiece to salute: next week Pavilion will publish Nicholas Craig's "I, An Actor". Subtitled "another great actor explores himself", the book may come as a surprise to those of us who know as yet all too little of Mr Craig's thespian achievements. He is, as his friend Nigel Planer explains in a footnote, a disappointed and in many ways rather bitter man, whose remarks about his fellow actors may therefore appear disloyal, vindictive, bitter, scandalous and insulting.



But his account of early family struggles, the techniques required for working with Peter Brook in faraway places with strange-sounding names, backstage life in such well-known touring groups as Meaningful Experience and 19:74, not to mention his ongoing rivalry with Jeremy Irons and final triumph in carrying off last year's award for Best Actor in a Hitherto Unperformed Late Jacobean Tragedy, will come as a series of joyous revelations to all who care deeply about the intellectual future of our stage. The only real problem with it is that its author would seem, on closer inspection, not to exist.

I am for once not looking forward to the American elections at all: for the first time in my adult life, we have four men campaigning for the White House of whom I can recall nothing at all. Three of them — Dukakis, Bentsen and now Quayle) look as though they have been touring for far too long in a bad revival of Gore Vidal's *The Best Man*, while the fourth (Bush) is separated from the pack only because he looks old enough to have fathered the other three. True, none of them has been caught on yachts with bimbos or falling over while chewing gum: the trouble is that none of them has ever been caught doing anything at all, either legal or illegal, though when Dukakis ran Massachusetts I seem to remember my mother-in-law, who lives there, not voting for him much.

Ian Coren is on holiday.

Conor Cruise O'Brien says the Republicans are on a dangerous road

Lumbering to the right

New Orleans

"Where was George?" was the question that wowed them at the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta last month. At the Republican National Convention in New Orleans on Monday, Ronald Reagan answered the question. "George was there!" he cried.

Somehow the statement failed to achieve the triumphant ring intended. The fact that the President of the United States felt a need to certify to the National Convention of his Party that his vice-president had actually been "there" seemed to confirm some kind of deficiency on the part of the person who received the certificate.

This convention has had a curiously sepulchral feel about it. Partly, this is the venue. The New Orleans Superdome is too big for almost anything, and far too big for a convention.

But it isn't just the setting. The oratory itself has been numbing. A Republican convention aims, not merely at unity but at an exhibition of sustained unanimity on everything. All the delegates say the same things, in almost exactly the same way: family values, patriotism, belief in God, opportunity, incentives, enterprise, family values and round we go again. The scale of boredom is the only thing that matches the Superdome's proportions. But there is apprehension as well as boredom. The certitude that the Reagan years are ending is not matched by conviction that "the Bush years" are beginning.

The references to Michael Dukakis show a venom that seems to correspond to the scale of a perceived threat. One speaker refers to him as "a card-carrying member of the American Civil Liberties Union." The word "liberal", in frequent use at the convention, invariably refers to the forces of evil, enemies of God and America, and Michael Dukakis is top liberal.

All party conferences have a tendency to woo the faithful, and forget the floating voters, who will decide the election. But this convention is behaving as if the real floating voters are not mainstream people but right-wing Republicans who may figure George Bush for a liberal, and stay home on November 8.

The choice of Danny Quayle as Bush's running-mate has to be aimed at them. Quayle's grandfather recruited Barry Goldwater into the Republican Party. The chairman of the delegation of Quayle's home state, Indiana, who proudly identifies himself as "slightly to the right of Genghis Khan," gave Quayle his seal of approval. And Indiana would vote Republican, anyway, even without the aid of Danny Quayle, or Genghis Khan.

It is probably fortunate for the Republicans that their convention is so boring that most voters won't notice how far to the right they are getting or how virulently and compulsively anti-Democratic they are. Al Haig likened the Democrats to bats, denizens of a noisome cavern, "up to their navels in guano". Counter-productive. After all, a lot of those bats voted for Ronald Reagan, in 1980 and 1984.

The secret of Reagan's success was to attract the votes of people who voted Democrat in state and congressional elections. So it doesn't make sense for the Republicans to treat the Democratic Party, collectively, as if it were a treasonable conspiracy. Yet that has been the central theme of the convention, so far.

No doubt George Bush, in his acceptance speech tonight, will strike a more statesmanlike note and try to hold on to those "Reagan Democrats" without whom the Bush/Quayle ticket can't possibly win in November. Even so, I doubt whether they can hold on to what Reagan won. When Bush attempts the sunny populism that comes so naturally to Reagan all he does is remind people what is missing.

The Republican strategy now depends largely on making people scared of Michael Dukakis. He will raise taxes, weaken defence, allow abortion, fail to execute criminals and keep prayer out of schools. This is excellent for the Republican faithful. Whether it can hold the "Reagan Democrats" is another matter. Dukakis does not seem a scary candidate, and those who try to make him appear so, risk sounding hysterical.

One issue that does worry voters, and which the Republicans are trying to exploit, is drugs. Speaker after speaker referred to the issue. But it is the Republicans who appear vulnerable. They, after all, have been in office throughout the last eight years, loudly declaring a "war against drugs" while steadily losing it. And it was George Bush who headed the presidential "task force" on the issue, while the war was being lost.

Ronald Reagan told the convention that Bush, if elected, would provide the nation with "drug-free schools." But if the Republicans can do that why haven't they done it already? And what has Bush's task force accomplished? The Republicans may be opening themselves to damaging counter-attack in the last stages of the campaign.

The publicity that surrounds every national convention usually gives the party involved a lift in the polls, and no doubt this will be true, for a time, of this Republican convention. But it seems to me that the convention that has given the nation the Bush/Quayle ticket is not headed in a direction that is likely to keep the Republicans in power.

Michael Hamlyn

Continent in conflagration

The death of General Muhammad Zia-ul Haq, suddenly injects a seismic element of instability into a region already reeling from dramatic changes in the past year.

The most profound international repercussions are, of course, likely to be in relations with neighbouring Afghanistan. The explosion which removed President Zia took away the man who had most consistently opposed the Geneva accords, and incidentally in General Akhtar Abdul Rehman, who died with him, his most efficient executive in carrying out his Afghan policies.

General Zia saw no reason why the Afghan regime installed by the Russians should be allowed to continue a day longer than it needed. The prime inspiration for his policy was the presence on Pakistan soil of three million Afghan refugees who were having a seriously destabilising effect on his country's policy and economy. Their presence had often led to economic competition between native Pakistanis and the immigrant tribespeople over grazing and wood-gathering, and other resources scarce in the arid hills of the frontier. The influx of large numbers of Sunni Muslims upset the Shia tribes and worsened communal relations within the country, already exasperated enough. The widespread trade in guns provided the tools of instability all over the country.

The general firmly believed that the Afghans would not go back to their own country as long as the Communist-oriented government was in power. So when the Geneva accords were being negotiated he held out for the installation of a broad-based interim government acceptable to the refugees. He was uncharacteristically outmanoeuvred by his prime minister, Mr M.K. Junejo, and faced a united political demand for accession to the accords. It was a defeat he did not forgive and was a main reason for his later summary dismissal of Mr Junejo.

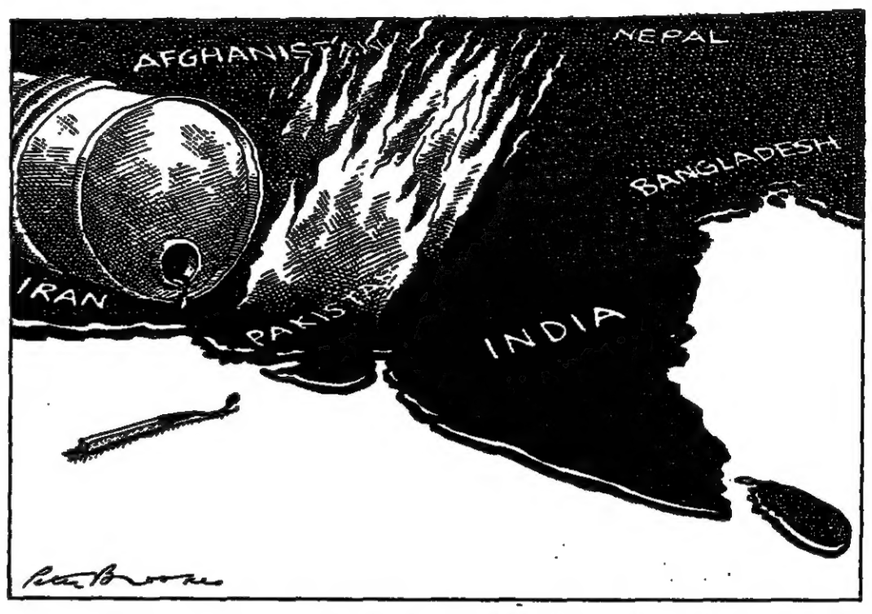
However, he seized with gratitude the opportunity presented by the unwritten compromise between the Russian and Americans over the "symmetry" of supply of weapons to the government and the Mujahidin. Though it has frequently been denied by Pakistani spokesmen, men and material have been passing through Pakistan to Mujahidin rebels since the accords came into effect on May 15.

One effect of his death is that that supply is no longer so certain for the rebel fighters. Another is that the Hesbe Islami faction of Mujahidin under the leadership of Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, may not receive the favourite treatment from a successor government of Pakistan it has enjoyed from General Zia. Mr Hekmatyar's freedom fighters have possibly had the most dynamic leadership, and this together with his hardline Muslim fanaticism has led to him receiving much the largest share of Pakistani patronage.

With General Zia removed other Mujahidin leaders will more effectively challenge Mr Hekmatyar for dominance, and their own patrons within the Pakistan hierarchy will manoeuvre more freely in their interests.

This may be an opportunity for the more liberal rebel groups to come to prominence, for the removal of the President also removes the prime mover in the country's Islamization programme. It is difficult to say with precision for Islamization does have a visceral appeal among the rural community, and politicians or generals jostling for public support in the next few months could still find it useful.

Internally the death of General Zia provides an opportunity for two contradictory forces to operate: the military and the politicians. It has often been suggested that the present military leaders have been becoming restive as they watched the growing democratic processes in the country. During the later months of Mr Junejo's period in office one move by the political leadership has been physically to weaken the military grip on the levers of power. Symbolically, for example, the government replaced the generals' large limousines with smaller Suzukis.



But the life of the military hierarchy had been made very comfortable by the long years of army rule. The forces were being equipped with the latest high-tech equipment under the American aid package. Individual senior soldiers were rewarded at the end of their service with posts in industry and on commissions and committees. The military pension funds were enhanced by association with major transport companies, and industrial manufacturers. This situation could be seriously threatened by a determined popular government.

In the second place the generals themselves were growing away from General Zia, and he was growing out of touch with them. Though each would acknowledge he was their best protecter, all those generals who were at school and college with him had now retired. None of the present hierarchy had that close association with him that inspires absolute trust.

Recently the military leadership had been made even more restive by increasing criticism of their *military* capabilities. The loss of face on the battlefields of the far frozen north, when the Indians seized the Siachen glacier and the Pakistan army was unable to wrest it back, has been a bitter blow. The huge explosion at Ojheri camp between Islamabad and Rawalpindi was increasingly being blamed on military incompetence. It would be surprising indeed if the generals or some group of them did not now move to protect their direct personal interests.

Plainly however the political opposition also sees the removal of the general as their opportunity too. Elections have been called for November, and Begum Benazir Zardari *(née* Bhutto) and her Pakistan People's Party anticipated winning a handsome proportion of the seats. They were somewhat worried that General Zia would find a way to deprive them of their victory and were anxious about whether they would be able to work with him. The biggest threat to them was perhaps a democratic one, that General Zia would be able to put together an ad hoc reconstruction of the Pakistan Muslim League, by combining the remnants of Mr Junejo's followers with the present ministerial group under then leadership say of Nawz Sharif, chief minister of Punjab.

With the general out of the way that possibility is much less, and a clearer field is left for the PPP. While many will counsel caution, so as not to provoke the uneasy generals into declaring a further session of martial law, others will undoubtedly want to take the opportunity of renewing their demands for the restoration of the 1973 constitution in all its unamended glory.

While these tensions are generated internally India, the giant neighbour will be watching with unconcealed concern. Although General Zia, a wily tactician, has outmanoeuvred Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the neophyte prime minister, on a number of occasions, the relationship between the two countries had settled down to a situation close to stability. A number of confidence building moves had been undertaken. But suspicions still ran deep.

Without General Zia there will be voices in the Indian political establishment seeking to make the most of the opportunity presented by an unstable neighbour. Ill-feeling over Pakistani support for, or at least an official blind-eye towards, the Sikh terrorist groups crossing the border into Indian Punjab has caused much official anger in Delhi, and a move against Pakistan will be strongly advocated.

It seems quite possible that over the next few days or weeks a policy of hot pursuit by the Indian security forces over the border could be instituted, and an unstable situation could quickly be turned into something worse. This would be a high-risk policy by Mr Gandhi's government, but could have some domestic attraction for him, for he too is facing an unstable future.

Elections are due within the next 16 months. Already a fractious, fissiparous opposition is slowly beginning to come together to confront him at the polls. Recent by-elections — especially the key election in Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh — have shown that Mr Gandhi's Congress party is vulnerable to a solidly united opposition. A successful external adventure against Pakistan would provide Mr Gandhi with something like the Falklands factor.

Muslims might object, but the Muslim vote has been draining away to the opposition groupings. The Hindu voter would on the other hand be vastly reassured that something at last was being done against the terrorists of Punjab, whose constant campaign of murder and treachery during the past five years has created bitter enmity between the Hindus and Sikhs.

The real danger to peace is that a similar desire for the unifying force of an external military threat would also seem attractive to the generals of Pakistan. A confrontation with India would provide a first class excuse for the declaration of a military emergency and the further suspension of democratic freedoms. It would also perforce unite the masses of the country behind the military leadership.

The avoidance of such a confrontation must now be a first priority for all those with an interest in the region.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Whose temptation?

Mr James Firman, the Director of the British Board of Film Classification has delivered a judgement on those who have condemned the new Holywood film in which an image of a weak and neurotic Christ is offered in a miasma of squalid sex fantasy and gore. "For church leaders to criticize the film, without any firm ground for doing so, is a pretty dreadful thing to do", he is reported as saying. He was, he added, "shocked that they should depend on hearsay evidence — any criticism based on that is very dodgy". What is more, they were causing distress among innocent people who held sincere beliefs about religion.

The implication of this seems to be that churchmen and others should hold their tongues until either the BBFC has pronounced or they themselves have seen the film. Whether each person's own judgement on seeing the film or the formal verdict of the BBFC should have priority in determining our opinions on whether it is blasphemous is not clear. Nor do we know how far the BBFC's opinion will be based on legal advice about whether the film infringes the British law on blasphemy and how far it will take into account the offence given to Christians and to others who respect the historic role of Christianity and its Founder.

But the general logic of Mr Firman's opinion seems to be that judgement should be reserved by everyone until he or she has seen the film. That is a principle which, if adopted generally, would be good box office news even if it made the critics' role of doubtful utility.

Mr Firman's own way of reserving his judgement, however, is odd. On the question whether the film breached the British common law on blasphemy (which covers any "contemptuous reviling or scurrilous" matter about Christ) he told *The Times*: "From hearsay and reading about this film, it suggests the film is none of these things".

"It appears", he went on, "to be deeply serious and treats the great paradox of Christ as man and God most responsibly". That is quite a testimonial. Abbreviated with a few dots here and there it would look quite good on the cinema hoardings. " . . . Deeply serious . . . treats the great paradox of Christ as man and God most responsibly". *Chairman of the British Board of Film Classification.*

But he didn't stop there. In his remarks to the *Daily Mail* he is reported as saying that he had heard from someone who had seen it that it was "serious, rather devout and heavy going for people who are not interested in religion". Moreover, the director of the film, Martin Scorsese, was "very serious" and "once wanted to train as a priest and when you have a Catholic upbringing, you don't lose it".

I shall not be tempted to discuss this last curious assumption. Nor shall I waste space on the hardly surprising extent to which the man responsible for classifying films and videos uses the newspeak of our time. How could his assumptions not be influenced by the process through which the frontiers of the tolerable are pushed back, as producers put into films that raise the threshold some particularly nasty bits for bodies like Mr Firman's to cut out, leaving the rest to survive and to create new precedents?

There are three main points to note. The first is the catch in the libertarian orthodoxy that nobody who has not seen a film has a right to form a view about it from other information that is available. Even if the Pope himself, or any other religious leader, or others instructed by them, saw this film and denounced it, their followers would presumably be reckoned pretty silly to accept the judgement without seeing it for themselves.

The catch-all argument consistently used in defence of pornography, pretentious and otherwise is this. Either you must see it (and so participate in an act of collective public corruption) or let it go by default: A related assertion (which is now being freely used in comment on this film) is that anyone protesting achieves nothing but publicity for the object of the protest. But since silence is assumed to mean consent, not to protest is interpreted to mean that there is no objection, which creates a precedent to be built on.

Secondly, we should be aware of the way in which we are being conditioned to regard any objections to what is plainly a malign travesty of the personality of Christ. Instant sympathy of an extraordinary contorted sort is extended by the now dominant libertarian establishment to material of this kind. It is not enough to say that, even if it is malign, liberty still requires it to be permitted; the instinct is to find positive merit in it. Thus a characteristically sophisticated defence of Mr Scorsese's film in the *Economist* (by an un-named writer who plainly hadn't seen it) poured scorn on the protesting Christians as fundamentalists, citing the fact that one script which "contained the phrase, uttered by Christ to Mary Magdalen as he hangs on the cross, 'God sleeps between your legs' ", had been cut though "some of the sequence remains."

The reader was clearly supposed to deduce the *bona fides* of the film from this cut, though the real nature of many films is better indicated by what has to be withdrawn than by what remains. The *Economist's* writer, however, is almost moved by the film-makers' magnanimity. "Universal, weary of trying to explain that Mr Scorsese meant to make a devotional film (there's a phrase to conjure with) has now decided to advance the release date . . ." Poor Universal! If you suspect a commercial motive, how low can you get?

Finally, there is the question: who is injured by such a case as the present? It cannot, sophisticates tell us, be Christ who is above taking that sort of offence. It can only be Christians who should know better. Perhaps that does not matter. Yet there is something deeply wicked about superimposing on an image of goodness which has upheld people for 2,000 years such weakness as using his carpenter's trade to make crosses for Roman crucifixions and the fantasies of the brothel. Its only purpose, even if it is a subconscious purpose, is to undermine and that, so to speak, is the work of the devil.

We have censorship already, both in respect of race relations laws and obscenity. The only question is where the line is to be drawn. The libertarian orthodoxy may decide that it should not extend to Christianity. But we should beware of allowing ourselves to be subliminally conditioned in advance to believe that what is being done is for Christianity's sake.

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After nine inches of rain in 24 hours on Exmoor, the River Lyn burst its banks on the night of August 15 and engulfed Lynmouth, causing 34 deaths.

EVACUATION OF LYNMOUTH

From our Special Correspondent

LYNMOUTH, Aug 17

The fury of the single storm has almost completely destroyed the north Devonshire village of Lynmouth. Yesterday its entire population, including a fair proportion of holiday-makers — for Lynmouth is noted as a seaside resort — was evacuated. Today military detachments are helping workmen of the county and local authorities to clear away débris as a first step towards repairing sewers and drains, the destruction of which made it necessary to move out the population.

The havoc wrought by the storm of Friday night extends right across Exmoor and has brought death and destruction to many villages inland. Its trail of tragedy is worst along the river courses, notably those of the Exe and the Barle, and it is worst of all at Lynmouth for the very reason that there the twin branches of the River Lyn enter the sea. The fierce storm suddenly turned these rivers into raging torrents and Friday night was, in grimmest reality, a night of terror on Exmoor.

The swollen rivers carried destruction. At the village of Exbridge, to the south of Dulverton, huge trees from a sawmill a quarter of a mile upstream were hurled against the bridge. At Dulverton itself a garage beside the River Exe had its walls ripped open by the surging storm waters and a dozen cars disappeared into the swirling flood. At Lynmouth the destructive force of the river torrent was many times greater still, for there it came down from rugged heights immediately above the village, loosing on Lynmouth an avalanche of great boulders and great up-rooted trees.

The River Lyn in this ill-fated village ripped out for itself a new course — the high street of Lynmouth. There, along this tragic street of desolation, are the boulders and the trees, like spent ammunition that ancient gods might have hurled down from aloft. It was a force against which the little shops and houses of the narrow streets — renowned as one of the most quietly picturesque even in north Devon — could not stand up. Nor could the public services — water mains, sewers, and electricity — survive such sudden catastrophe, and it has therefore been necessary to clear Lynmouth for restoration.

Its link with Lynton, a bridge across the River Lyn, was destroyed. Lynton, on its higher woodland slopes and farther from the river, suffered little damage by comparison. Since early this morning people approaching from the direction of Porlock and Minehead have been stopped by police on Countisbury Hill and no one is any longer allowed to enter Lynmouth.

Approaching Exmoor from a south-easterly direction, the aftermath of the storm begins to show itself in the neighbourhood of Exbridge. There, heavy baulks of timber borne on the floods from a distance have damaged the piers of the road bridge, and the meadows beside the river were still sodden today. Farmers hereabouts are accustomed to storms, and some go as far as to expect a great storm "every seven years". One man today told how, on the strength of this idea, and because of the summer having been unusually dry, he had some ricks moved away from the riverside fields. He was fortunate.

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A BAD DEATH FOR THE WEST

President Zia of Pakistan was not a nervous man. But even he could not have heard with equanimity the intensifying Soviet threats against his Government in the last months of his life. His strong personal support for the Mujahidin fighters in Afghanistan, his justified fears for their future after the Geneva accords, his preparedness to help make sure that Soviet withdrawal meant Soviet defeat: all put him high on the Kremlin's list of public enemies.

Only on Monday of this week, Moscow put out a statement that Pakistan's continued "obstructionist policy cannot be tolerated further" and that "the Soviet Union reserves to itself the right to take such measures as are necessitated by the situation".

The Afghan Communist secret service, KHAD, has in the past carried out numerous bomb attacks — and some assassinations — inside Pakistan. Its aims have been to demoralize the Afghan resistance and alienate the Pakistani population from its support. If the explosion on the President's plane is proved to have been the result of a bomb, it is the Afghan Communists, and their Soviet backers, on whom the suspicion of the world is bound heavily to fall. It is a suspicion which will take more assuaging than Mr Gorbachov may be able to provide.

General Zia was a good friend to the West. But his opposition to the Soviet invasion of his neighbour was motivated by good nationalistic reasons. He was afraid both of the Soviet threat to Pakistan, and of attempts by the Kabul Government to encourage the break up of his fissiparous nation, whose Islamic culture had never bound as tightly as its creators had intended.

Perpetually unruly Pathan tribesmen spanned both countries. President Zia knew how perilous the position of Pakistan would be if a strongly pro-Soviet government were eventually to emerge in Kabul. It is rumoured that President Zia may have been already discussing close relations with the victorious Mujahidin once a full Soviet withdrawal could be engineered. It must be hoped that his successors are not intimidated by yesterday's events.

This may be too much to hope. The President's determination was not, for example, shared by the dismissed Prime Minister, Mr Junejo or many other Pakistanis who would like to rule the country. The army has been blamed for its repeated seizures of power, but it generally did so only when civilian government had effectively broken down. Such was the case in 1977 when General Zia carried out his coup against Mr Bhutto, whose daughter yesterday so delighted in the President's death.

Since coming to power, General Zia has carried out some harsh measures of repression against his opponents, most notably the execution of Mr Bhutto himself. But his predecessor had at least as much blood on his hands as General Zia accumulated — probably more. Government in Pakistan is not for the tender-hearted.

President Zia wanted to be seen as the father of his country, a wise teacher guiding it towards more stable institutions. Unfortunately, Pakistan is still no more stable than when he came to power. That is his failure.

The party which he tried to build up as a "democratic" basis for his rule has been held together almost entirely by state patronage. It is difficult to place much confidence in it as a force for future stable government. The most likely force for this, in the short term and as always, remains the army.

Next door, India is facing a violent separatist campaign in Punjab which it accused Pakistan of supporting, and increasing pro-Pakistan unrest in Kashmir. If Pakistan does slip into disorder, the temptation to repay Pakistan in kind may be almost irresistible. Since Moscow announced its intention to withdraw from Afghanistan, India has also been determinedly building up links with the Communist regime in Kabul, thereby attempting to form a last link in what could be a potentially disastrous chain of events for the sub-continent.

ONE TRACK MINDS

Reports of imminent British Rail fare increases have spread understandable alarm among its customers. The rises will be in the price of season tickets, chiefly those bought by long-range commuters to Central London. But the consequences could affect everyone and raise issues which stretch far beyond the railways.

Fare rises are always unpopular. But the protest is louder this time for two reasons. One is the predicted scale of the increases, which could double some annual fares (so it is said) to more than £5,000 for some commuters.

British Rail describe all these figures as "speculation." But the speculation has almost certainly been inspired to prepare people for the shock when the details are announced in the autumn. Whether the eventual rises will be by 100 or between 60 and 75 per cent, they will clearly be substantial and will affect the financial circumstances of many people.

The other reason is that many of these people have escaped from the London area for financial reasons. Unable to afford house prices around the capital, they have moved 100 miles away or more — beguiled by the improved quality of BR services. For BR now to catch them unawares, must seem hard to those who have joined this growing exodus.

In one sense the rises are justified. British Rail's InterCity services, which made an operating loss of £86 million in the last financial year, are supposed to be making an annual profit of £42 million by 1992-93. As all Government subsidies for InterCity ended last spring, BR has to reach that target on its own. Given its accompanying need for medium and long-term investment, it has to maintain a healthy flow of revenue.

Moreover, the long-range commuters have, at present, a reasonable deal. Thanks to a combination of BR's pricing policy and historical accident, they pay an average of between 4p and 6p a mile, compared with the 12p of short-range season tickets in the South-east. In that sense, BR is correcting an anomaly in ticket pricing.

But what would be the effects of such a policy? One must be that it will push more cars on to the roads. BR's past experience has been that while every fare rise brings a loss of traffic, this is gradually recovered over a period. But a rise of this scale will hardly encourage rail users, even if it is phased in over five years.

A second consequence is that it will discourage people from moving away from the South-east to the growing commuter belts in East Anglia, the Midlands and the West Country. Not only does this inhibit the development of these areas, but it threatens to push up house prices in London and the crowded South-east again.

One must question, therefore, the bases on which such decisions are made. Within the narrow remit of British Rail's commercial future a policy of this kind can be defensible. But the social effects it may have upon the country raise wider issues.

British Rail is currently ahead of its financial targets. If it can achieve the profitability which now beckons, its achievement will be almost unique. Most national railways survive on subsidy. There is however a cost to pay.

The Government is rightly sceptical of large-scale conceptual planning, which tends to be costly and cumbersome, and by no means guarantees the right result. But decisions of the kind now being faced by British Rail should be taken within a wider, national context. This is the responsibility of the Department of Transport. But there is no evidence to suggest that it is shouldering it.

SUMMER STUDYING

August is the traditional holiday month when parents, children and teachers forget exercise books, project and course work, creative writing, reading books and number work. But not this year, as schools prepare to set out on the uncharted waters of the Education Reform Act with its national curriculum, attainment tests, new powers for parents and the right to independence if schools successfully appeal to opt out of local authority control.

They were all given more homework this week by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, who has asked parents, teachers and governors for their views on the two working party reports on the teaching of mathematics and science, setting a very tight timetable to allow him to introduce the first of the reforms in September next year. Mr Baker has made it clear that if he is to make any changes of lasting significance in the country's schools he has to behave more like a headmaster than a pupil with his eye on the classroom clock.

The beginnings of the school reforms were set in train by Sir Keith Joseph but it is Mr Baker who has forced them on to the statute book. Like any good headmaster he is determined to keep checking the written work. While broadly welcoming the mathematics and science proposals, Mr Baker believes that it is not enough for tomorrow's generation to be able to do their sums by the press of a calculator key; they should understand the basic arithmetic that leads to the electronic answer. He will be warmly applauded by those shoppers who have stood impatiently while a teenaged cashier worked out on a computerized till the total cost of four 20p tubes of mints.

But Mr Baker should pause for just a moment in his enthusiasm for change. He has the chance to reform the country's schools in a way not matched since the 1944 Education Act. It would be foolish to jeopardize it simply to meet a self-imposed timetable. There is still time to ensure that the curriculum and the attainment tests are phased into the schools efficiently and fairly.

The best curriculum in the world will not work unless there are sufficient, properly trained and motivated teachers with enough of the right resources, particularly in computer sciences. There are those inside the Education Department whose confidence is based on complacency rather than planning. The teachers are there, they say, but many will have to be retrained; the resources are there, they say, but will have to be reallocated.

Mr Baker should ensure that as the newly-formed National Curriculum Council races against time to refine what is to be taught in the schools the DES embarks on an urgent programme to fill the gaps in teachers and resources. The view that all will be all right on the night is not good enough.

Time for a clean-up

From Mr P. B. Lucas

Sir, Mr Rubinstein's stricture, "We can't 'Keep Britain Tidy' because we can't manage to tidy Britain" (August 10), finds confirmation in a telling little experience we have had recently in this part of South Kensington.

A dustbin, secured to a nearby lamp standard beside a bus stop, was suddenly removed (no guesses why). It wasn't replaced and litter multiplied — particularly on days when Chelsea were showing their customary form at neighbouring Stamford Bridge.

A plea to the local member of Parliament and thence to the local councillor, who fortuitously happened to be the chairman of the council's works committee, brought instant redress.

A far superior mark II, pavement-based bin, complete with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's fine crest, was substituted together with the addition of three similar models spaced generously along the roadway. Constantly used and regularly emptied, they have transformed the cleanliness of the place.

British people do not, on the whole, want to be untidy. But Mr Rubinstein is right. Often they are encouraged to be.

Yours faithfully,
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August 11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bruising experience of developers

From Mr R. A. Fitch

Sir, Herman Kahn once claimed a city's prosperity could be judged by the amount of construction work being undertaken within its streets. By this somewhat eccentric criterion, London is doing very well; but at what cost to its citizens and visitors?

Every building contractor, it seems, views the space surrounding his building site as a legitimate extension of that site; so all the paraphernalia of the project spills on to the pavements and the highways. Pavements are closed, parking bays suspended, streets are used as a building materials store, construction vehicles park off-site to deliver materials.

At worst, the immediate area becomes inconvenient and dangerous to pedestrians and motorists alike. At best, the environment is unsightly for months, perhaps years, and when the construction moves on, the pavements and roadways are often left stained and broken for ever.

In the immediate vicinity of the West End there are many such sites. The London Pavilion refurbishment, for example, closed part of Shaftesbury Avenue for years to the extent that east-bound traffic had to be diverted. Examples such as this are to be found all over London, indeed all over the country.

Why is this? Does the problem lie with the Englishman's alleged lack of interest in the built environment; or local planning and highway departments with insufficient powers of interest; or, yet again, rapacious and uncaring builders and developers? And what responsibilities do the professional consultants, architects, and engineers have in this sorry and bruising state of affairs?

Certainly, if this dangerous and environmentally unsatisfactory practice were stopped our streets would become less hazardous for pedestrians and tourists alike, the roads less congested for motorists and public transport, and London would look and work a great deal better.

Kindest regards,
Yours faithfully,
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Listed buildings

From Mr Owen Luder

Sir, Dulcie Gray, in her article on the Covent Garden Opera House development (August 13), makes a common mistake in assuming that "listing" a building is intended to ensure preservation. That is not the case and never has been.

The law properly requires that a listed building cannot be touched before full and proper consideration has taken place on the merits of preservation, alteration, or demolition.

Listing properly creates a presumption in favour of retention, but there will always be cases where the advantages of change will be seen to outweigh those of preservation. Often a fine judgement, and one rarely universally popular.

Yours faithfully,
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Troubles in the NHS

From Mr H. V. Smith

Sir, The nurses cry out loud about their new pay structure and they are fortunate in having a sympathetic (though sometimes misguided) public and press to support their grievances. But there are other workers in the National Health Service who have an important job to do and who also suffer injustices.

I have, on my staff, a highly qualified and experienced medical secretary who has recently been promoted to a higher grade as senior secretary, responsible for coordinating the work of 15 other medical secretaries in a district general hospital, and who also continues to work as secretary to a senior consultant eye surgeon.

On promotion, she is not entitled to any immediate increase in pay and, after eight months in her new grade, she will receive a normal increment which amounts to £36 more than she would have received if she had not been promoted.

If I had appointed someone from outside the NHS who had had more than one year's experience as a secretary, but no hospital experience, she (or he) could have been offered a much higher salary than our in-service candidate!

The nurses will have their reward, not because they deserve it (which they certainly do), but because of the emotive appeal of their profession. It is time that the same consideration was extended to the rest.

Yours faithfully,
H. V. SMITH
(Patient Services Manager),
Scarborough Hospital,
Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

From Dr R. B. Pridie

Sir, Money alone will not cure all the problems of the NHS. The views of the doctors and other health professionals can be and are ignored or overruled by administrators.

Three years ago the replacement of our 20-year-old angiographic X-ray machine was deemed necessary by the region. Funding was made conditional on the hospital allowing a 10-year-old but satisfactory machine being removed as well. The consultant radiologist, with full local backing, objected.

The regional authorities have remained adamant and the district administrators have now given in and are allowing the destruction of this useful X-ray machine as we are so desperate for the new angiography set, the absence of which has prevented vital heart investigations and treatments for the past three years.

For the last 18 months my department has had only short-term "temps" as the administrators will not upgrade the secretarial post above the £4,500-£6,000 limit to a level which will attract a permanent candidate. The "temps" have cost over £15,000 per annum, compared with the average local secretarial wage of £8,000-£9,000 p.a.

What we need is intelligent local management with power to act and not to bow always to the dictates of "higher authority".

Yours faithfully,
R. B. PRIDIE (Consultant radiologist),
Harefield Hospital,
Harefield, Middlesex.
August 12.

Trial by jury

From Mr John Blair-Gould

Sir, Mr Jones (August 6) suggests cutting down on legal aid. But the better way to remove trivial cases from the crown court would be to restrict its use to those serious cases which need its extra resources of time, legal expertise and the jury.

The test ought to be the level of injury caused by the crime, so that, for example, assaults causing only minor injuries, simple dishonesty causing loss of less than, say, £500, the possession of offensive weapons or of small quantities of illegal drugs would only be triable in the lower court. Such a test is already applied to criminal damage.

I would, however, make one exception: to be convicted of theft casts such a unique stigma that this always merits trial by jury.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BLAIR-GOULD,
Queen Elizabeth Building,
Temple, EC4.
August 11.

'Shooting stars'

From Mr Stephen Normand

Sir, I read with interest Mr David Thomson's article, "Shooting stars" ("Saturday", August 13), but with slight annoyance. As usual, my great-aunt Mabel Normand, star of the silent screen, and thought by many to be the finest (greatest) comedienne of that period, was ignored for her contribution and genius for direction in comedy.

In reality she had already made 121 films before Chaplin's first, and she has the distinction of being the only woman to have ever directed him in a film. Despite his initial jealousy they remained loyal friends and colleagues and as God willed, he lived longer. Mabel died at 38 in 1930.

To borrow a line from Mr Thomson's article, "If you want real flair, style or beauty from a silent actor-director", I recommend *Mickey* (1918) by Mabel Normand. This film was the first feature film reportedly to have grossed $1 million and it was produced and directed by Mabel Normand at her own film studio in Hollywood.

Yours sincerely,
STEPHEN NORMAND,
2 Sumpter Yard,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Bursting out all over

From Dr R. E. Danckwerts

Sir, Mr John Peck (letter, August 15) expresses his concern about the number of breakthroughs reported in *The Times*. Could they be caused by the tips of icebergs? There are a lot of them about these days.

Yours faithfully,
R. E. DANCKWERTS,
Thatched Cottage,
The Row, Hartest,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Czech occupation

From Mrs Katherine Sun

Sir, On August 20 it will be 20 years since Soviet tanks occupied Czechoslovakia, formerly an independent country like Austria or Switzerland in the middle of Europe. Why the sudden occupation? Simply because the people in Czechoslovakia wanted economic reforms and freedom of the press — something like *glasnost*. Even today, after three years of Gorbachov's rule, there is not a sign of *glasnost* in Czechoslovakia. Eighty thousand Soviet soldiers are still there, prepared to attack Western Europe.

We all want a better understanding between East and West. But I implore you to consider the vicious reality that Mr Gorbachov represents. Beware of falling prey to Mr Gorbachov's smile. Remember, Czechoslovakia is still occupied.

Yours faithfully,
K. SUN (Hon Representative, UK, Interim Government of Czechoslovakia in Exile),
14 Frampton Close,
Grange Road,
Sutton, Surrey.

A raw deal in industrial links

From Professor Peter J. Goodhew

Sir, Universities are frequently exhorted to collaborate with industry and are generally willing to do so. However, it seems that few senior people in industry understand the constraints under which universities operate.

One inescapable fact for universities is that central Government (UGC) funding of research covers only some supervisory time by academic staff and a little equipment. A negligible number of research staff are provided.

Any research project to be started in response to industry's needs must therefore be funded fully. The minimum level at which staff can be hired and a project set in motion is £35,000 per annum. This is therefore the necessary starting point for any serious negotiations between industry and university. Few managers in industry are willing to think in these terms, yet they are happy to spend appropriate sums within their own laboratories.

Yesterday I learned, for the second time in two years, of the imminent departure to industry of one of my most able young colleagues. Rather than support his work within the university his new employer will create a new post, and spend large sums to support him. Yet by this action the university is weakened and "collaboration" has merely involved using us as a recruitment agency.

In the past 20 years I have spoken with scores of companies yet never have I been approached with a request to undertake properly-funded work. If collaboration is to become a reality surely it should involve an equal partnership. Industry should be approaching universities at the same rate as academics approach industry. Effective collaboration cannot be established in a climate in which academics must go, begging bowl in hand, to unsympathetic industrial managers.

Many academics are willing to see the direction of their work influenced by external forces, but without adequate funding they are more likely to decide not to look over the parapet.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. GOODHEW,
University of Surrey,
Department of Materials Science and Engineering,
Guildford, Surrey.

A-level questions

From Dr George Tolley

Sir, For tens of thousands of individuals and families this week will be marked by the annual ritual of the publication of A-level results and the ensuing scramble for entry into higher education.

The tyranny of A level is an expensive anachronism. It gives us the narrowest, least liberal, and least relevant school curriculum of any developed nation. Its efficiency in selection is highly dubious. It is not a suitable mechanism for achieving the wider access to higher education which the Government, employers, and society generally are agreed is essential.

Furthermore, as a proxy for quality in higher education, A-level scores may give some impressive-looking league tables, but these unhappily prolong a view of higher education as a preserve for a tiny elite. The reality of our need for higher education is very different.

A system that was introduced to ration places in higher education has been kept in being for far too long by a range of vested interests. It now serves the country badly with its creation of a totally artificial market. If both quality (in an international context) and quantity are to be adequate in higher education in the 1990s, three things would seem to be necessary:

1. Dependence upon A-level scores must be lessened in favour of consideration of the broader qualities that indicate an individual's potential.
2. The sixth-form curriculum must be broadened. AS levels will be no substitute for the essential and sensible reforms proposed by the Higginson committee (report, June 8).
3. Vocational qualifications must take their place fully alongside A levels in selection processes.

Making progress towards these objectives demands a rejection of spurious notions of quality. It is not only the lessening of trauma for individuals and family that is at issue; it is the future economic performance and quality of life of this country.

The problems will not go away as the numbers of young people decline. It is the annual ritual itself which is the problem.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE TOLLEY (Chairman, Industry Matters Education/Industry Forum),
8 John Adam Street, WC2.
August 15.

From Professor J. H. Turnbull

Sir, Current discussion on A/AS levels (the Higginson report) recalls the pre-war period in secondary education when Higher School Certificate examinations in science were taken. Aspiring scientists could offer three principal subjects — mathematics, physics, and chemistry, plus one subsidiary in modern languages (e.g., French with German).

This entailed an intense two-year period of study, lightened by the pleasures of French and German literature. A three-year honours course at university in a single science specialisation followed. The first year of this course duplicated much of the higher certificate work in the science subjects. The languages element was not an option. Yet, in my own case, it has proved a vital and enjoyable asset in professional life.

This leads me to suggest some restructuring of first-year honours courses in science to include French, German, or even an Oriental language. At the same time, language options could also be strengthened in sixth-form science studies.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. TURNBULL,
Stoneycroft,
Alvescot, Oxfordshire.
August 14.

UN and Cambodia

From Mr K. L. Bindra

Sir, Mrs Thatcher's plea (report, August 9) to urge the other four permanent members of the Security Council to join Britain in finding a comprehensive solution of the Cambodian conflict is a step in the right direction.

Vietnam appears to be willing to withdraw its troops from Cambodia, at latest by March, 1990. The UN representative, Rafiuddin Ahmed, has recently given his draft peace proposal to all the concerned parties in the Cambodian conflict. Under this plan, Vietnam has to inform the UN of its troops' withdrawal in three phases, in compliance with the UN nine consecutive resolutions.

On receipt of this intimation, the four Cambodian factions shall get together to settle the administrative arrangements for establishing a provisional national government, under the leadership of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, before the general elections.

The UN plan is comprehensive, well planned, and has no such loopholes as existed in the declaration of the international conference on Cambodia in July, 1981, or even those in the Geneva agreement on Indo-China in 1954.

The Khmer Rouge, as well as other armed factions, should be disarmed and disbanded by the UN peacekeeping force. The UN Commission on Human Rights should investigate the alleged Khmer Rouge massacres (1975-78) and all those found guilty — including those who have shifted their support to the Vietnamese-installed regime in Phnom-Penh, or have emigrated — should be brought to book, like the Nazis after the Second World War. And they should be excluded from participating in the free elections.

The Khmer Rouge has recently shifted extensive caches of arms and ammunition (supplied by China) inside Cambodia. The peacekeeping force will have to unearth these caches and continue staying in Cambodia even after the elections till such time as the elected government is satisfied that its presence is no longer necessary.

It is hoped that during the forthcoming meeting in Peking both the Soviet Union and China will follow Mrs Thatcher's advice and agree to put pressure on Vietnam (including its protégé in Phnom-Penh) and the Khmer Rouge respectively, to abide by the recent UN peace proposal, and thus bring lasting peace to this land, now soaked with blood and tears.

Yours faithfully,
K. L. BINDRA
(Former Chairman and Secretary General, International Commission for Supervision and Control in Cambodia),
15 Elmstead Avenue,
Wembley,
Middlesex.
August 11.

Fruits of delay

From Mr C. R. Jones

Sir, Dr Shirley Bolt's letter ("Hurricane bears fruit", August 10) has reminded me of some babies born shortly after World War 2.

HMS Norfolk left Devonport to become the flagship of the East Indies Squadron, but early in the outward passage engine defects developed and the cruiser was forced to turn back for Devonport, where the defects were rectified. Eventually the ship arrived on station.

For some weeks birth announcements were frequently received. There was then a noticeable pause before a second and smaller number of births were reported.

These new arrivals were soon called the "turn-back" children. I often wonder how many of that small, select group knew the fortuitous nature of their birth.

Yours sincerely,
C. R. JONES,
24 Alhambra Road,
Southsea,
Hampshire.
August 10.

From Mrs Roz O'Hanlon

Sir, We read Dr Bolt's letter with much amusement.

My husband grew up in southern Ireland and recounts the story of a particularly terrifying electric storm during which people sheltered and comforted each other.

Nine months later the local policeman's wife in the small town of Kilkee, county Clare, gave birth to twins. They were known forever more as Thunder and Lightning.

Sincerely,
ROZ O'HANLON,
33 Alton Road,
Croydon, Surrey.
August 13.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 17: It is announced from Buckingham Palace that Sir Ninian Stephen has asked leave of The Queen to resign from his appointment as Governor-General of Australia, and that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve Sir Ninian's resignation which will take effect on 15th February, 1989

The Queen has graciously approved the appointment of the Honourable William George Hayden, MP to be her Governor-General of Australia. Mr Hayden will be sworn in as Governor-General on 16th February, 1989 after Sir Ninian Stephen vacates the office.

BALMORAL CASTLE

August 17: The Hon. Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs. John Dugdale as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

Thanksgiving

A thanksgiving service for Colin Huttenbach will be held at St Margaret's, Lothbury, at noon on Wednesday, September 7.

Birthdays today

Professor R.M. Acheson, epidemiologist, 67; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer, 63; Dame Josephine Barnes, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 76; Mr Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 68; Lord Grantchester, QC, 67; Lord Kaberry of Adel, 81; Miss Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 72; Mr R.A.E. Magee, gynaecologist, 74; Sir John Mason, former director-general, Meteorological Office, 65; Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 60; Mrs V.L. Pandit, Indian diplomat, 88; Mr H.S.K. Peppiatt, solicitor, 58; Sir David Pitblado, Civil Servant, 76; Mr Roman Polanski, film director, 55; Mr Robert Redford, actor, 51; Mr Willie Rushton, broadcaster, 51; Mr Patrick Shovelton, civil aviation and shipping expert, 69; Professor J.S.G. Wilson, economist, 72; Miss Shelley Winters, actress, 66.

Reception

HM Government

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister for Home Affairs and the Environment at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception held yesterday evening at Bute House, 6 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, for the International Council on Archives' Committee on Conservation and Restoration.

Anniversaries

Births: Antonio Salieri, composer, Legnano, Italy, 1750; Meriwether Lewis, explorer, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1774; John Russell, Earl Russell, prime minister 1846-52, 1865-66, London, 1792; Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary (1867), 1848-1916, Vienna, 1830; Alain Robbe-Grillet, writer and film director, Brest, 1922.

Deaths: Genghis Khan, 1227; Guido Reni, painter, Bologna, 1642; André-Jacques Garnerin, aeronaut, Paris, 1823; Honore de Balzac, Paris, 1850; Sir William Fairbairn, Bt, engineer, Moor Park, Surrey, 1874; W H Hudson, author and naturalist, London, 1922.

Architecture

Making community architecture work

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

Community Architecture – beloved of the Prince of Wales and Rod Hackney, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, but scorned by many architects especially those who have not visited its most successful example – is a buzz term of the 80s.

The process by which the users of buildings are involved in their creation and management has received support from many quarters, several of which might come as a surprise: the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Scarman (in his Brixton riots report), Mr Kenneth Baker, when Environment Secretary, and Mrs Thatcher when she visited the Liverpool Housing Co-ops.

But there is a scepticism today about anything with the "community" prefix, and a tendency to assume that it makes more palatable what is manifestly not.

The high incidence of crime, vandalism and stress elated illness on housing estates where users have not been involved in decision-making, has been recorded by Professor Alice Poleman in her book *Utopia On Trial*. At first, its lessons were dismissed by the Department of Environment, but now they are being adopted by local authorities to solve estate management headaches.

Professor Hugh Freeman, senior consultant psychiatrist to Salford Health Authority and editor of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, whose original research has proved links between the worst excesses of post-war housing in his own area and suicide, has added fuel to the renewed interest in what used to be called architectural determinism.

But what has been lacking is any empirical research that proves community architecture is good for you. A new study by John Murtagh, of King's College, London, called *The Health Implications of Building Design*, is the first and its lessons are important for all those – supporters and sceptics alike – involved in the design, construction and management of the built environment.

Murtagh undertook a case study of two almost identical estates, Lea View House and Wigan House, in the London Borough of Hackney. The first was refurbished by community architects, Hunt Thompson Associates, the second was not.

Using Professor Coleman's definition of "morbidity", he interviewed 25 residents in each and compared the result.

The results showed a positive correlation between increased morbidity and bad design.

Both Lea View and Wigan had become hard-to-let, multi-racial, sink estates. They were vandalized, litter-strewn and detested by their inhabitants. Thefts and muggings were commonplace. People's health was poor. They felt trapped and isolated in their own homes.

Both estates were renovated by the same local authority and to the same government guidelines and cost limits. But while Lea View's improvement involved tenants' participation, Wigan did not.

When the community architect undertook a social survey at Lea View, 90 per cent of tenants wanted to move out. The architects set up an office in a disused flat and began consulting them.

As a result large families were separated from elderly, single and disabled residents. Access decks were closed off to provide front doors and gardens at street level.

Pitched roofs and lift towers were added; brickwork was brightened. Individuality and variety, privacy and informality were introduced. Security measures were added.

Tenants at Wigan had some superficially similar improvements: the installation of lifts, the closing off of a courtyard to cars, the installation of entry zones, and the "fortification" of blocks with doors reinforced with metal grilles.

So what are the most striking results of the survey.

The general health of tenants at Lea View is 72 per cent better (Wigan 70 per cent worse); their nerves are 95 per cent better at Lea View (Wigan 60 per cent worse); tenants at Wigan are more prone to loss of appetite and tiredness: 70 per cent fewer smokers are to be found at Lea View (65 per cent more at Wigan); and while 8 per cent at Lea View are still frightened of the view, 48 per cent are at Wigan.

All Lea View residents said they like living on the estate and in their own flat, while at Wigan it was only 30 per cent.

Murtagh's study is only the first, one hopes, of such case studies which might go to prove, conclusively, that not only does user involvement result in better "architecture" but also a physically, socially and mentally better environment.

Pondering on a move for the World Chess Championship



England's two leading chess Grandmasters, Jonathan Speelman, left, and Nigel Short, get down to a six-game match at the Barbican, London, for a prize of £20,000 and a place in the World Championship Semi-finals. Short is currently ranked third in the world and Speelman fifth (Photograph: Bryn Colton).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.B. Pease
and Miss Scrymsoure Steuart Fothringham

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr D.A. and the Hon Mrs Pease, and Mariana, elder daughter of Robert Scrymsoure Steuart Fothringham of Pourie-Fothringham and Murthly, and Mrs Scrymsoure Steuart Fothringham.

Dr D.K. Brooks
and Miss E.R.W. Tait

The engagement is announced between David Brooks, of 6 Charles Street, London, W1, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr Charles Tait and of Mrs Roselle Tait, of Windsor, Berkshire.

Mr C-H. Champin
and Miss P.J.W. Allan

The engagement is announced between Charles-Henri, elder son of the late M Henri Champin and of Mme Henri Champin, of Paris, France, and Penelope, only daughter of Mr Stuart J.W. Allan and Mrs Eileen Allan, of Halifax, West Yorkshire.

Mr A.W.V. Fairbank
and Miss H.C. Lascelles

The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Fairbank, of Cooper's Green, Windlesham, Surrey, and Harriet, elder daughter of Commander and Mrs Oliver Lascelles, of Folly House, Bampton, Oxfordshire.

Mr S.J. Shooter
and Miss G.E.D. MacLeod

The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of Mr and Mrs Colin Shooter, of Kingsmead, Rotherfield, Sussex, and Georgina, only daughter of the late Mr Jersey MacLeod, of Skeabost House, Isle of Skye, and of Mrs Gregory Morgan, of 201 Kooyong Road, Toorak, Melbourne, Australia.

Mr M. Westwood
and Miss S.A. Nott

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr David Westwood, of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire, and Mrs Valerie Westwood, of Middleton, Staffordshire, and Sally, daughter of Mr Robert Nott, of Gestingthorpe, Essex, and Mrs Ann Nott, of Polstead, Suffolk.

Mr C.C. Wardlaw
and Miss L.T. Maclean

The engagement is announced between Charles (Bunge), son of Mr and Mrs Michael Wardlaw, of Betchworth, Surrey, and Louise, daughter of Mrs J.A. Maclean, of Albury, Surrey, and Mr K.A. Maclean, of East Sheen, Surrey.

Mr P.R. Davis
and Miss F. Keay

The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Dr and Mrs L.R. Davis, of Chapel Stile, Cumbria, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Keay, of Yateley, Hampshire.

Flight Lieutenant
A. MacAngus, RAF
and Miss L.D. Keens

The engagement is announced between Sandy, only son of Mr and Mrs D.J. MacAngus, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Linda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Keens, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr J.R. Russell-Walling
and Miss C.P. Barnby

The engagement is announced between James Robert, son of the late Lieutenant-Commander Trevor Russell-Walling, RN, (rtd), and of Mrs B.M.C. Stubbs, of Winkfield, Berkshire, and Caroline Paula, daughter of Mr David Barnby, of Bryanston, Transvaal, and of the late Mrs Barnby.

Marriages

Mr N. Helliker
and Miss N. Jordan

The marriage took place on July 29, in Las Vegas, of Mr Nicholas Helliker, eldest son of the late M.W. Helliker and Mrs J. Lewis, of Somerset, to Miss Nicola Jordan, only daughter of Mr P. Jordan and Mrs V. Berks, of Gloucestershire.

Mr R.J.K. Short, AAC
and Miss K.A. Macpherson

The marriage took place on Saturday, at St Nicholas Church, Walcot, Lincolnshire, between Mr Robin Short, son of Mr and Mrs Kennedy Short, of Luss, Dunbartonshire, and Miss Kate Macpherson, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Timothy Macpherson. The Rev Kenneth MacLean officiated.

The bride was given away by Mr Frans ten Bos.

A reception was held at The Grange, Walcot.

Fine start for Short

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

After 23 moves of a Queen's Gambit Declined, Nigel Short offered a draw in the opening game of the Pilkington Glass World chess championship quarter final. His opponent, Grandmaster Jon Speelman immediately accepted and the players fell to an animated discussion of what might have been, speeding the pieces around on the electronic display boards, much to the bemusement of the onlookers.

Speelman, playing White in the first game, had carefully prepared a line full of pitfalls for his younger opponent. However, Short boldly exploded the centre with some violent pawn thrusts. After a series of exchanges the position burnt out to one with equal chances.

A draw with Black in the first game is a fine start for Short. Some experts feel that with the advantage of the White pieces in the first game, Speelman should have pressed harder for a win.

The match continues at the Barbican Centre today with Nigel Short playing White in game 2.

Moves of the game:
1 d4 Nf6; 2 c4 e6; 3 Nf3 d5; 4 Nc3 Be7; 5 Bg5 h6; 6 Bh4 0-0; 7 e3 b6; 8 Be2 Bb7; 9 Bxf6 Bxf6; 10 cxd5 exd5; 11 b4 c6; 12 0-0 Qd6; 13 Qb3 Nd7; 14 Rfe1 Rad8; 15 Rab1 Rfe8; 16 Bd3 Ba8; 17 Qa4 Qb8; 18 e4 c5; 19 Nxd5 Bxd4; 20 Nxd4 cxd4; 21 h3 Ne5; 22 Bb5 Re6; 23 Qb3 Qd6; ½-½; draw agreed

University news

York

Professor J K Fidler, Head of the Electronics Discipline at the Open University, has been appointed to a Chair in the Department of Electronics at the University.

Promotions

To a Personal Chair: Dr A W Robards, Department of Biology; Mrs N A M Ward, Department of English and Related Literature.

To Senior Lecturer: Dr N M Allinson, Department of Electronics; Mr J M Bell, Department of Philosophy; Dr J H Clark, Department of Chemistry; Dr Charles Hulme, Department of Psychology; Ms Mary Maynard, Women's Studies; Dr S M J Minta, Department of English and Related Literature; Mr Ron Peslett, Department of Economics and Related Studies; Dr Jane Rendall, Department of History; Mr Lan White, Centre for Southern African Studies.

Appointments

Department of Biology: Heather Bramley, BSc (Reading), research fellow., Julia Davies, BSc (Swansea) research fellow

Department of Chemistry: Steven Bell, lecturer; Adrian Kybett, research fellow; Peter Moody, post doctoral research assistant; Andrew Piers, research fellow; Judith Ramsden, research fellow; Anthony Wilkinson, lecturer.

Department of Computer Science: John Firth, experimental officer; Jagdip Patel, experimental officer; Roger Took, lecturer

Computing Service: Michael Brudenell, systems programmer; Paula Davis, information officer.

Department of Education: Margot Brown, research fellow in Centre for Global Education

Department of Electronics: Timothy Clarke, lecturer; Moira West, experimental officer.

Department of language and Linguistic Science: John Coleman, research associate; Hans Jorge Speer, lektor in German

Department of Politics: Neil Carter, lecturer; Martin Smith, lecturer; Joanna Spear, lecturer.

Department of Psychology: Mark Good, research assistant; Janice Kay, lecturer

Registrar's Department: Simon Willis, admissions officer

Department of Social Policy and Social Work: Lisa Miller, part-time lecturer

Social Policy Research Unit: Elthne McLaughlin, research fellow; Roy Sainsbury, research fellow.

Centre for Health Economics: Susan Higham, research fellow.

Bradford

Grants and award made to the university:

To Professor Ashok Kochhar (Mechanical and Manufacturing Systems Engineering) £116,540 from the SERC to develop and implement a process capability quality control module of overall expert design systems. This grant also includes equipment worth an extra £50,000.

To Dr Mike Hughes (Chemical Engineering) £90,000 from the EEC to perfect the solvent separation and recovery process from PET bottles

To Professor John Gardiner (Information Systems Engineering) £27,000 from the DTI for consultancy service on radio communications. Also £50 275 from the DTI and the university for an assessment of the coverage of high angle satellite transmissions.

To Dr Roger Green and Professor John Gardiner (Information Systems Engineering) £55,410 from the SERC for research into heterodyne optical mixers with balanced microwave detection.

To Dr Peter Goodwin and Professor Roger Falconer (Civil Engineering) £20,000 from IBM UK for computing equipment and software for research on pollution and sediment transport modelling in the inland and coastal environment

To Dr Peter Goodwin and Dr Robert Matthew (Civil Engineering) £28,934 from Binnie and Partners (Consulting Engineers) and the DoE for research into the development of a computer model for flooding due to dam failure.

To Professor Brain Barry, Dr Bryce Mulley and Dr Peter York (Pharmaceutical Technology) £400,000 from APS Research Limited for research into oral sustained release drugs.

To Professor Brenda Costell, Professor Robert Naylor and Dr Elizabeth Kelly (Pharmacology) £71,400 from British Technology Group to study the neuropharmacology of a novel anxiolytic agent; £254,000 from the Squibb Institute for Medical Research into the central actions of an angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor; £60,000 from Smith Kline & French for the preclinical development of a novel antiparkinson agent, and £45,000 from Glaxo Group Research to study the mechanisms of action of agents used to treat the emesis associated with cancer chemotherapy.

To Dr Emmanuel Yannakoudakis (Computing), Mr Fred R. Ayres (Retired University Librarian), and Dr Tony Huggill (Computing) £93,000 from the LEA to research electronic document delivery collaborating with British Library.

To Mr Michael Fisher (Applied Social Studies) and Mr Peter Martin (University of Sheffield) £129,839 by the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, for an investigation into "new models of working which enhance the possibility of maintaining children and elderly people in their own homes rather than in public care."

In addition to these research grants, the Schools of Chemical Engineering – along with the University of Toulouse, Rhone Poulenc and May and Baker – have obtained £250,000 from the EEC COMETT programme which links academics and industrialists through training so that both thoroughly understand each other. Training will be given in the specific area of fine chemicals manufacture.

The Schools of Electrical and Electronic Engineering have also obtained funding of £340,000 from the SERC and DTI to operate three teaching company schemes based in Bradford, Bala (North Wales) and Chesham.

The University has been chosen as a case study by the University Grants Committee which is the introduction of total computerization and has been awarded £710,000 towards the cost. The Training Commission has also granted an additional £150,000 to set up an electronic learning system which will enable staff without a computing background to write programmes which can be used in teaching. This learning system will be developed in collaboration with local companies, who have expertise in computer based learning.

Bradford has also been selected as one of the first 10 higher education institutions to participate in the Enterprise in Higher Education Initiative which has been launched by the Training Commission. Funding of up to £1 million over five years will be available to strengthen the already excellent links with industry and to increase the skills of graduates as they apply to the working world.

Leicester

The following degrees have been announced:

BA

Combined Studies
Class II (Div 2): M Gifford: O C C Simmons.
Class III: R Rogers.

Economics
Class II (Div 2): R D Patching.

History
Class II (Div 2): J C Shelvin.

BSc

Biological Sciences
Class II (Div 1): K L Wain.
Class III: G R Johnson.

Combined Studies
Class II (Div 2): R A Richardson.
Class III: A S Denyer.
Pass: P D Brooks: L J Purcell: J Shlackman.

Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)
Pass: T A Biala.

Mining Geology
Class III: M C Chinn.
Pass: S J Bastaple.

Psychology
Class II (Div 2): J White.

LLB
Pass: C M Taylor.

BSc
Class II: J E Brocknank: M P Decatris: M Keany: G A Oakley: S J Osment: S M Pattani: W A Ward.
Class II (Div 1): S R Bhagani: E M Hurrion: R Jones: C M Liberta: J C Moore: T C Richardson.
Class II (Div 2): T L A'Ness.

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Planning a trip round the Southampton Boat Show? Then plot your course with this year's edition of our famous guide: a stand-by-stand roll call of the exhibitors, a classified equipment directory and a list of the yachts to be seen at the Show. The Showgoer is an essential part of every visitor's kit.

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OBITUARY

PRESIDENT ZIA UL-HAQ

Pakistan's wily military ruler

General Mohammad Zia ul-Haq, who was killed yesterday in an air crash at the age of 64, had been Pakistan's military ruler for the past 11 years.

He had led a coup d'etat against the civilian Prime Minister, the late Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, declaring himself the Indian sub-continent Muslim nation's Chief Martial Law Administrator before becoming President in September 1978.

In the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 Zia assumed an international role as Pakistan received millions of refugees from Communism and his country's became a base for the anti Kabul rebels. Last April, however, Zia welcomed the Geneva peace accords for Afghanistan as "a historic agreement."

Domestically, Zia sought to oblige the Pakistani people to observe ever stricter Islamic laws and practice and his death came only weeks after he had dismissed the Junejo Government and dissolved the National Assembly, promising elections, possibly in November. His tactics plunged the Opposition forces into confusion, as was clearly the army general's intention.

His name will be always associated with the execution of Bhutto in April 1979 after a protracted and controversial trial, when Zia refused to exercise his powers of clemency.

Zia was a devout Muslim with a strong sense of mission. In his early years in power he was often underestimated, and his willingness to change his mind became something of a national joke. However, he surprised his critics by his capacity for survival.

His political longevity was often attributed to luck, but though he had his full share of good fortune, he owed much to his political astuteness, intuition and determination.

Zia was not a typical military ruler. He was very tolerant of personal criticism and disarmed both friend and foe alike by his willingness to listen and his lack of personal pride. However, where his own survival was at stake he was adamant and inflexible, and he displayed the same qualitities in exercising his prerogative of mercy.

He knew from the beginning that the army was his main constituency and he kept a close watch on his main rivals. In March 1980, a skilful reshuffle removed several of them from the scene.

In foreign policy, he proved his coolness under fire during the Afghan crisis and handled both the superpowers and India with skill.

What Zia basically failed to understand, however, was the need of his fellow countrymen to feel part of the process of government.

Though he liked to think he was turning Pakistan into an Islamic state, his prolonged authoritarian rule drove many vital political forces underground and exacerbated the divisions not only between different sects of Islam, but also between left and right, province and nation, and between the army and the people.

He was born on August 12, 1924, in Jullundur in the Punjab and was educated at St Stephen's College in Delhi. He was commissioned into the Indian Cavalry in 1946 and served in several overseas operational areas in South-east Asia.

He was proud of having commanded active units from a squadron up to a corps and he was selected to attend the United States Staff college at Fort Leavenworth. From 1969 to 1971 he served as an adviser to the Royal Jordanian Army.

He first came to general attention in 1976 when he was appointed Chief of the Pakistan Army Staff over the heads of several senior officers.

The man who made that appointment was Bhutto, then Prime Minister; he must have regretted the choice until his dying day, on the gallows in Rawalpindi jail, three years later.

Zia alone had the power to commute the death sentence, imposed by the Punjab High Court and confirmed by a majority verdict in the Supreme Court. Ignoring worldwide pressure, Zia declined to intervene, rightly confident that he had guarded adequately against any popular demonstrations of resentment.

In early 1977 Zia had found his army faced with massive civil disorder, following a general election which, as expected, Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party had won. The trouble arose from well-established allegations against the PPP of ballot rigging, made the more egregious because the PPP would have won easily in a strictly straight contest.

Pakistan's city dwellers, urged on by Bhutto's right-wing political opponents, took to the streets in violent protests. By July the situation had become so bad that Zia's decision to take command was widely welcomed.



His assurance that fresh elections would be held within 90 days after which a civilian government would be formed and troops would return to barracks, was generally accepted.

His promise of new elections was not honoured, however; it was the first of a series of similar pledges given and broken during Zia's rule. On many later occasions Zia made it clear that elections would only be held when the result he wanted could be guaranteed.

On September 3, 1977 Zia had Bhutto arrested. The charge concerned the murder in November, 1974, of the father of one of his political opponents. This suited Zia in two ways: he had found that there was still a good deal of grass-roots support for Bhutto, and his trial would make an excellent example of the functioning of the new doctrine of accountability by which politicians out of office would be held responsible for their activities when in power.

Bhutto was hanged in April, 1979. Zia had calculated that if Bhutto was ever released from jail, he would seek revenge and constitute a constant personal and political threat. Contrary to many forecasts, Pakistan took the news of Bhutto's death quietly.

The execution of Bhutto led to a period of international quarantine for Zia.

Nobody with even the remotest possibility of a future in politics wished to be associated with what Zia's enemies described as the judicial murder of Bhutto.

Relations with the USA had undergone a steady decline as Washington opposed Pakistan's plan to acquire a nuclear reprocessing plant from France.

Although General Zia ridiculed the idea, there was considerable international suspicion that Pakistani scientists – at home and abroad – were engaged in a project involving the clandestine manufacture of a hydrogen bomb, backed by Libyan money.

Washington was so concerned about the prospect of what was called the "Islamic bomb" being made available to enemies of Israel that various aid projects were cancelled at a time when Pakistan needed all the international help possible to pull out of an economic morass.

Zia moved his country out of the disintegrating western-backed defence pact CENTO and steered it in the direction of non-alignment. In November 1979, US-Pakistani relations dropped to freezing point when mobs sacked and burnt the American Embassy in Islamabad and attacked a number of other American buildings in Pakistani cities.

Western diplomats thought that the Pakistani administration had been altogether too leisurely in intervening in these Teheran-style riots and Zia's international reputation suffered another setback.

Then came the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Pakistan and its military ruler returned to the centre of the world stage. President Carter telephoned President Zia offering aid. The U.S. National Security Adviser, Mr Brzezinski, and the Deputy Secretary of State, Mr Christopher, arrived in Islamabad to negotiate details.

Yet despite the new pressures from across the border, Zia handled the USA with coolness, rejecting an early offer of $400-million as "peanuts" and eventually securing a $3000-million package of economic aid and military hardware over five years.

His rejection of early U.S. overtures won Zia support from neighbouring India and from the non-aligned movement, which at its conference in Delhi in February 1981 passed a tough resolution on Afghanistan calling for all foreign forces to be withdrawn from the country.

Pakistan's emergence as a front-line state gave Zia's regime a new lease of life. Aid began to flow into the country.

In Pakistan, reaction to the crisis was more muted, for the strengthening of the military regime clearly postponed further any return to democracy. Yet though some Pakistani politicians vociferously criticised the West for supporting Zia, the public was unresponsive to calls for confrontation.

Many political parties had already lost face because of their earlier collaboration with the regime, and those which had not were kept under tight controls.

Zia drew strength from his programme of Islamic reforms, which was slowly extended to specific areas of taxation, banking and law. His right to introduce these reforms was widely disputed, and as right-wing clerics acquired a new prominence.

However, in a predominantly Muslim country, it was difficult to argue against Islamisation in principle, and with several religious parties tacitly supporting Zia, his opponents found to their cost that he had changed the terms of political debate.

Zia continued to speak of an eventual return to democracy, but by this stage the steady involvement of military personnel at every level of the civil administration had created a powerful vested interest against any real transfer of power.

In seeking to stabilise his regime, however, Zia faced a dilemma. He was not confident enough to put his popularity to the test of a referendum and he knew that a free election held the danger that the People's Party would return to power. His answer lay in partyless elections, a controlled form of democracy which he first introduced in local elections in September 1981.

In August 1983 Zia unveiled his long-awaited plans for country's political future. Elections were to be held to the provincial and national assemblies by March 1985 and political parties were to have no place.

By this stage, Zia's obvious contempt for the politicians had forced them together. In 1981, the People's Party joined hands with some of its bitterest opponents in a new opposition alliance, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD).

The public was initially sceptical of its ability either to hold together or to provide the country with a stable alternative to military rule. But by 1983, with Zia apparently intent on forcing politics into a new mould, the politicians decided they had to make a stand. The MRD rejected the new package of reforms and called a civil disobedience movement to remove him from power.

In most provinces the movement remained peaceful. Politicians and workers courted arrest and several thousand were soon behind bars.

In Bhutto's home province of Sind, however, there were unexpectedly violent protests and demonstrations even in small towns and villages, which provided clear evidence of widespread discontent.

The government claimed that much of the violence was the work of bandits and that the Soviet Union had had a hand in it. But such explanations proved unconvincing. Though the major province of Punjab did not join the movement and Zia managed to ride out this particular storm, his authority had been dented.

In 1985 Zia got his non-party National Assembly elected in the country's first general elections of his rule but with the civilian element clearly the junior partner to the military.

When on May 29 last Zia dismissed Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, his Prime Minister, and dissolved the three year-old Assembly he castigated them all publicly for having failed in that period to implement his Islamisation programme in the country, for having be unable to control law and order or to check corruption and accused them of having caused economic bankruptcy. Many Pakistanis will have judged the heads of those accusations applied first to the army general who had exercised supreme power over them all those years.

MR ARNOLD RAPHEL

Mr Arnold Raphel, who was also killed in the aircrash, was highly regarded as one of America's most brilliant diplomats and a leading expert on Middle East and South Asian affairs. He was aged 45.

Vice-President Bush yesterday described him as an "outstanding ambassador."

Promotion to top posts came quickly to him. He was named Ambassador to Pakistan by President Reagan in January 1987.

It was his second assignment to that country, having served in 1975-78 as political officer in the US embassy in Islamabad. Raphel was political officer in Tehran during 1966-71 and played a key role in negotiations to end the US hostage crisis in Tehran in 1981.

He served as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State during 1972-1975. During 1979-1981 he was Senior Special Assistant to the Secretary of State during 1982-1984 he was Principal Deputy Director of the Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs in the State Department.

Next Raphel went to the post of Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs in the State Department.

He was born in Troy, New York, and was educated at Hamilton College and Syracuse University, where he got a M.A degree.

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There is no fear in love: perfect love drives out fear. So them love has not been made perfect in anyone who is afraid, because fear has to do with punishment.
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BIRTHS

BARDOT - On August 11th, to Joanna (née Fenn) and Andrew, a daughter, Amelia Kate, a sister for Oliver.

BORGERHOFF MULDER - On Sunday August 14th, to Jenny and Robert, a son, William Louis Andrew, a brother for Rosie and Emma.

BRADDON - On August 15th, to Denise and Andrew, a son, Anthony Alexander William.

CHESNEY - On August 16th 1988, to Barbara and David, a daughter, a sister for Alexsiair.

CONSTANDUROS - On August 16th, to Jane (née Partington) and Bob, a son.

CUXON - On August 14th, to Anne (née Mellon) and Tim, a daughter, Katherine Daphne Frances.

CRISP - On August 4th 1988, to Peta (née Skingley) and John, a daughter, Rosanne Frederica

DIXEY - On August 10th 1988, to Ben and Jane (née Grose) a daughter, Rebecca Jane, a sister for Elizabeth.

GITTINGS - On August 16th 1988, to Amanda (née Williams) and Trevor, a son James John

HODGKIN - On August 14th, to John and Sarah (née Hannam), a daughter, a sister for Phillip and Thomas.

KINCHIN-SMITH - On August 14th, to Chris and Sue, a daughter, Katharine Alice, a sister for Holly.

MONAHAN - On July 30th 1988, at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge, to Eleanor (née Broadhurst) and Brian, a daughter, Sara Juliet Mary.

NASSAR - On August 16th 1988, to Randa (née Kozab) and Enti, a son, Hani Enti.

NEAL - On August 16th, to Sophia (née Palmer) and Michael, a son, Harry Morton Geoffrey.

PETERS On August 7th, in Salisbury, to Fiona (née Ross Russell) and Tom, a son William James, a daughter Elizabeth Jane.

PRIESTLEY - On August 15th, at Queen Charlotte's, to Sara (née Taverner) and David, a son, Thomas Leo, a brother to Sophie and Charles.

TILLOTSON - On August 11th, to Susan (née Ashcroft) and Ian, a son, Neil Paul, a brother for Simon.

WÜRZ - On August 16th, at Stuttgart to Rosalie (née Bleach) and Wilfried, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

BOWDEN-BOWDEN - On August 13th, at St. John's Church, Cove, Bruce Jenkins only son of Mrs M Jenkins and the late David Bruce Jenkins of Purley to Catherine Bowden (née Smith), daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Smith of Devizes.

VERMEULEN-LAD - On August 13th 1988, at St. Stephen's Church, Lindley, Huddersfield, Franklyn Murray elder son of Mr & Mrs James P. F Vermeer, of Boldre, Hants, and Catharine Isobel, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs Gerald Stead of Huddersfield, Yorkshire.

DEATHS

ANDREWS - On August 13th, Rosalind, formerly of Towersey, at the Mount Nursing Home, York. Funeral service at 2pm on Friday August 19th at St. Catherines Church, Towersey, followed by cremation at Headington Crematorium, Oxford. No flowers please, donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

CAMPBELL - On August 17th 1988, peacefully in her 88th year Phyllis (née Denby). Widow of Colonel James Campbell in Sydney, Australia. Sadly missed by Angus Duncan and Sheila, also nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

DRAKELEY - On August 17th 1988, peacefully in a nursing home after a long illness, and formerly of Richmond, Surrey, Mary Clare Charnley. The beloved sister of the late Sir John Charnley, adored aunt of Thérèse, Hetta and fond sister-in-law of Jill. No flowers please. Donations if wished for the International Christian Relief Fund, Memorial Requiem Mass at St. Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park later. Enquiries to George Bell Funeral Service, Green Acre Funeral Home, 49 Birches Lane, Lostock Green, Northwich. Telephone (0606) 42534.

DRAKE - On August 15th, at the London Clinic, peacefully after a short illness, Avis Marion, in her 95th year. She was much loved and will be greatly missed. Private cremation on August 21st. Donations to The London Garden Society, Brackenwood, Manor Park, Cobham, Kent.

DUNNETT - On August 14th 1988, peacefully after a long illness, Moi Dunnett, beloved wife of JD - W.H. Dunnett of Inglewood Bray, Cremation at Salisbury on Tuesday 23rd August at 3.00pm. Flowers to J.J. Allen, Seamoor Rd, Westbourne, Bournemouth.

FAIRBAIRN - On August 13th 1988, peacefully at home in Watlington Eileen Fairbairn recently of Torquay, widow of George, mother of Georgia, Diana, David and Alasdair. Thanksgiving service at Swyncombe Church, Nettlebed at 3pm on Tuesday 23rd August following private cremation. No flowers by request but donations if desired to Guys Hospital Adult Renal Unit Fund

GRIGG - On August 14th 1988, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, aged 56, after a short illness, Hon Annabel Desiree, only daughter of the late Lord and Lady Altrincham.

HAWES On August 16th, suddenly and very peacefully at home, Frances Hawes, aged 91, Funeral service at Eltham Crematorium, Monday August 22nd, 3pm.

HERBERT - On August 16th 1988, peacefully in Charing Cross Hospital, in her 96th year, Lady (Gwendolen) Herbert, née Quilter, Widow of Sir Alan Herbert C.H. Funeral service on Tuesday August 23rd at 11.15am at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick Mall W4, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Artists General Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, Piccadilly W1. Enquiries to Frederick W Paine, 01-994 0066.

KING - On August 14th 1988, Rose Ellen, younger daughter of the late Philip and Beatrix Holyoak, formerly wife of Dr. J.E King, F.R.S, beloved mother of Audrey, Hilary, Clive and Peter and loving Grandmother of 12 children, also Veronica and Neil and of Sarah Jane. Funeral at Amersham Crematorium on Monday August 22nd at 2.2pm. Garden flowers only or if preferred donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London WC2A 3PX.

McGARRIGLE - On August 17th, suddenly at her home in Exerick, York, Betty (née Altman) widow of Dr Bob McGarrigle and beloved mother of Colin. Funeral service at St Helens Church, Exerick, York on Monday 22nd August at 1.00pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

NICHOLS - On August 16th, suddenly in Scotland, Christopher Hugo, dearley loved husband of Lindy, and father of James, Annabel and Hugo. Funeral service to be held, on Monday August 22nd at 10.30am at Holy Trinity Brompton. Thanksgiving service to be announced later. Flowers and enquiries to J H Kenyon Ltd of Marloes Rd, London, W8. Tel: 01-937-0787

PICARDA - On August 12th 1988, peacefully among her own in her 90th year, Winifred Laura (née Kemp), devoted wife of the late Pierre Picarda of Paris (France), loving mother and grandmother. Enquiries to G Picarda 01 852 1188.

SARSBY - On Tuesday August 16th 1988, Ursula Mary (Ulli), beloved mother of Janet, Richard, Joanna and Judy. Funeral Service at St Andrews Parish Church, Weyasbury Wednesday August 24th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Foundation for Age Research, 49 Queen Street, London EC4N 4SA.

SHARPLES - On August 13th, 1988, in hospital, James Melville, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service to be held at 2.30 pm on Monday 22nd August at St Peters Church, Mount Park Road, Ealing, W5, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, P.O. Box 123, Room 11, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX.

SMITH - On August 18th 1988, at Gracelands Horsham, Gladys Mary aged 92 years Beloved grandmother of Susan, Simon and Julian Sadly missed by her friends and by her colleagues in the British Israel World Federation. The funeral takes place at St. Mary's, Horsham on Friday August 19th at 2pm followed by burial. Donations if desired to BIWF.

WADE-DALTON - On August 3rd, in the Isle of Man, Anne Rosamond, widow of William Wade-Dalton. Cremation has taken place. Service of interment St. Oswald's Church, Farnham, Nr. Knaresborough, 12.00 noon Tuesday 30th August.

WALKER - On August 16th, peacefully after a short illness, Marjorie, aged 83, widow of Harry Nimmo and Reginald Walker Beloved mother of Derek and Valerie, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend to many. Funeral service at the United Reformed Church, Hoole Road, Chester on Monday, August 22nd at 1.45pm, Enquiries to George Pearn and Sons 0244 390578.

WALKER - On August 12th 1988, suddenly at work, Clive, Loved by Michele, his partner, who shared his warmth and laughter. Funeral Service on Monday, August 22nd at Sutton Coldfield Parish Church, at 1.20pm. Followed by interment at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, at 2pm. Floral tributes to A.Hazel and Sons, Funeral Directors, 181 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham.

WOOLLELLS DIRETT - On August 17th 1988, peacefully in Norton Lodge rest home, Grace Irene, aged 86 years, requiem at Corpous Christi Church Boscombe, 11.45 am, Monday 22nd August, Family Flowers only, donations if desired for the Little Way Assc. c/o Deric Scott, Portman Lodge funeral home Bournemouth.

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THE ARTS

David Robinson on Robert Redford's second film as director

Utopian fable

CINEMA

The Milagro Beanfield War (15)
Empire 2, Cannons West End

Beetlejuice (15)
Warner West End, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street

The Manchurian Candidate (15)
Screen on the Hill

Powaqqatsi (U)
Cannon Tottenham Court Road

In his second film as director (the first was *Ordinary People*, eight years ago) Robert Redford resurrects a favourite old Hollywood liberal-Utopian myth: how the little people of the world, united in common purpose, can defeat the oppressors and exploiters.

The Milagro Beanfield War is adapted from a 1974 novel by John Nichols, who has adapted it with David Ward. The setting is an impoverished but contented little settlement in New Mexico which is targeted by a developer. The trusting peasants believe that his pleasure park will bring them prosperity: too late they understand that rising values will push them off their land.

War is declared when the poorest man in the village illegally diverts an old water source to irrigate his beanfield; and escalates when the developer brings in a ruthless enforcement officer. At the last moment catastrophe is averted, the developer is defeated and the villagers throw a fiesta. Not for nothing is the place called Milagro (miracle).

Redford is known for his liberal principles and concern for human rights, conservation and the cultural heritage. Undoubtedly his message here, about the growing despotism conferred by money in contemporary society, is intended in a true crusading spirit.

He is conditioned, though, by the Hollywood compulsion to seduce. The pill vanishes in the sugar. We are won by the charm of the film, the eccentricity of the peasants (notably the old Mexican comic actor Carlos Riquelme), by the spirited Sonia Braga as the local garage lady, by the reassuringly familiar faces of John Heard as the liberal editor and Christopher Walken as a sinister heavy.

Villainy is routed and status quo ante restored; but less through the efforts of the community than by happy chance, supernatural intervention and a conveniently arbitrary *volte face* by the local sheriff (Ruben Blades). A disarming, even complacent Utopian fable.

In **Beetlejuice** the little people are a pleasant young couple of newly-deads condemned to haunt their former dream home in rural Connecticut. They resent the arrival of the pretentious new owners of the house, who move in with a camp decorator, determined to do the place over.

When the deceased couple set about haunting the interlopers out of the house, their victims merely speculate delightedly upon the potential marketability of the supernatural. Nor do they get much help from Betelgeuse/ Beetlejuice (Michael Keaton), a mischievous spirit who specializes in exorcizing unwanted human beings.

The idea of a send-up supernatural horror movie from the ghosts' point of view is original and intriguing; for a while the script, by novelist Michael McDowell and Warren Skaaren, and Tim Burton's direction keep it going in a very lively fashion. The makers have had fun thinking up individual ghosts, like the skeletal cancer victim, still chain-smoking; or Sylvia Sydney's wonderfully acid-tongued welfare counsellor, with cigarette smoke seeping from her lacerated throat.

With this kind of picture it is a sure sign that the ideas have run out when they bring on the special effects monsters and everyone starts screaming. This happens about two-thirds of the way through.

Twenty-six years after its original release **The Manchurian Candidate** is enjoying a remarkable resurrection. In the United States it has been running for half a year, grossing more than its first release.

It was not a lucky film. In the first place the industry mistrusted Richard Condon's novel, which was not only potentially offensive to both political poles, but involved the assassination of a presidential candidate. The real-life assassination of John Kennedy within a year contributed to the disappearance of the film for a quarter of a century.

Even though some of its novelty has worn off, the critical enthusiasm of the time is still understandable. John Frankenheimer was a young Hollywood hopeful and his sheer vitality and invention engage you in the extravagance of the story, about a communist plot to take over America, through the means of an ex-officer, brain-washed (though it looks more like old-fashioned hypnotism) during captivity in Korea.

The actors were never better: dead-eyed Laurence Harvey as the pitifully unlikeable victim; Sinatra unusually sympathetic as his friend and fate; James Gregory as a twitching Joe McCarthy clone; above all, Angela Lansbury as the hero-victim's monstrous mother.

Godfrey Reggio is an American director who makes hi-tech, high-gloss, non-linear, wordless documentaries, with titles taken from the Hopi Indian language. The first was called *Koyaanisqatsi (Life Out of Balance)* and contrasted America's cities with its wilderness. In **Powaqqatsi**, "what we sought to capture is our unanimity as a global culture".

In the process they filmed in Peru, Brazil, Kenya, Egypt, Israel, Hong Kong, Nepal and India; and for illuminating contrast, Paris and Berlin. Locations and people are shot exquisitely and in unremitting slow motion by Leonidas Zourdoumis, a former still photographer who has also worked for the giant Imax panoramic screen. Every frame would make a cover for *National Geographic*.

Accompanied by a scholarly and insistent score by Philip Glass, incorporating native instruments, the effect is mesmerically tedious.



Village virago: Sonia Braga (centre) runs the local garage and is one of the peasants resisting land development in *The Milagro Beanfield War*

Soviet surprise

CONCERT

USSRSO/Svetlanov
Usher Hall

Visits to Britain by the State Orchestra of the USSR are rare enough, and too often chances to see their principal conductor, Yevgeny Svetlanov, in action are thwarted by last-minute changes of plan. No wonder, then, that they celebrated their arrival on Tuesday in a programme calculated, in both content and performance, to leave an ineradicable impression on its audience.

Balakirev is hardly more familiar on the British concert platform: at least not in the person of his symphonies. While the composers to whom he spent his life acting as mentor (Borodin, Mussorgsky, Rimsky-Korsakov) continue to pick up handsome box office receipts, little time is made for the master himself.

What is more, his music, a veritable encyclopaedia of Slav nationalism, is, I suspect, easier to sneer at than to play, and easier to play than to perform. This was quite a performance.

Svetlanov had clearly made two firm decisions: to give the work almost as much rehearsal time as it took its composer to write it; and to emphasize its classical form and its lyrical expression rather than to open too widely its romantic heart.

The orchestra set their imprint on the work from its opening; indeed, even the acoustic of the Usher Hall seemed transformed overnight. This was a crisp, brightly lit sound, the introductory chords dry, brusque, and even the cushioned tuttis lithe and lean.

The woodwind (including a wonderfully sinuous, nasal oboe) were balletic in their agility, the brass remarkably precise in their control of breath and complex rhythm in the transparently textured scherzo.

Despite the luxury of a distinctive and resinous principal clarinet, Svetlanov insisted on keeping the sentimental Romanza on a tight rein. And the finale, which had caused poor Balakirev such long and tortuous labour was despatched with cruelly effortless panache.

As at the Tattoo across the road, the big guns were fired last. Commentators, wise after the event, are fond of expressing shocked amazement that at its premier Rachmaninov's First Symphony was a monumental flop. It all became perfectly clear last night, as Svetlanov conducted a performance which would indeed, in the words of a contemporary review, have brought "delight to the inhabitants of Hell".

Seldom have the piccolo yelps just before the jagged fugato of the first movement sounded so terror-stricken. Only by releasing them in the context of such meticulously articulated string playing and such tautly controlled tempo shifts could writing like this make its full effect.

Here, too, Svetlanov's notion of seating the horns between the racks of double basses and cellos vindicated itself superbly. They fluttered discreetly in the mercurial Scherzo, and surfaced as from a long, dark tunnel in their slow movement monotones.

Hilary Finch

Tribal celebration and lament

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

THEATRE

The Rez Sisters
St Bride's

It comes as a shock to learn that until 1951 Canadian Indian theatrical ceremonies were punishable under the country's criminal code. Since then, Indian theatre has had the chance to find its voice but, of the 12 groups that have since sprung up, Native Earth Performing Arts is one of the few to have crossed the ethnic divide, with this piece by the Cree Indian, Tomson Highway.

The Rez Sisters is at once a celebration and lament for the present condition of the Canadian Indian. Set on an island reserve in the wilds of Ontario, it presents a cheerless picture of poverty, drunken menfolk, monotony, isolation. The characters, by contrast, are bursting with life and hope. With one supernatural exception, they are all women: a battered but exuberant sisterhood who turn every porch or roof-top meeting place into a market place of gossip, aggression, story-telling, inspired lavatorial insult, and dreams.

They all have a dream: of acquiring a really good oven, of tracing a long-lost child, of installing a luxurious bathroom; or, in the case of old Pelajia Patchnose (Gloria Miguel) of replacing the dirt highway with paved roads. This, she believes, will coax back the spirit Nanabush, who allegedly passed away in a Toronto bar when the white man came.

Nanabush, in the person of a male dancer (Rene Highway), is in fact there all the time: surveying the reservation as an Ojibwa Ariel, sometimes handing out gifts, sometimes appearing in the likeness of a bird, evidently a benevolent survivor of the old culture that has "nearly all gone".

In its place, the women have bingo; and all their hopes are centred on an upcoming Toronto game with a half-million dollar jackpot. Their lethargy and fights forgotten, they set about raising funds for the trip with a mass garage and bakery sale, with much unseen help from Nanabush in hanging up festoons of merchandise. Although no customers turn up, the women jubilantly set out on their great adventure.

It is here that the fable takes a twist that defeats this white spectator. Nanabush, hitherto a guardian spirit, changes into an enemy, first with an attempted rape, and then by appearing as a demoniac bingo caller who cruelly bewitches them into believing they have won, and finally descends on one of the party as the angel of death. He is said to be a holy trickster, but can he also be in league with the white man's trickery?

The piece has been described as a vaudeville, which is a polite term for rudimentary construction. As in community theatre from less exotic locations, much time goes in letting characters expand and describe their way of life before the story gets moving; and even then, it is apt to get diverted into reminiscences and sing-songs.

Larry Lewis's company consists partly of native performers from various tribes, and partly of Canadian professional actors. No such division appears in their work, which radiates ensemble security.

There are some powerful personalities, particularly Muriel Miguel as the shattering voice from the loo, and Gloria May Eshkibok, a fearsomely matronly figure in skin-tight biker gear, given to butting opponents into the dirt with her stomach. But the price of this teeming individual life is the absence of central focus.

Irving Wardle

ALEX WILSON



Spirit of the Bingo: René Highway (rear) with members of the Native Earth Company in *The Rez Sisters*

PROMENADE CONCERT

CLS/Hickox
Albert Hall/Radio 3

The love poems of Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Christina Rossetti cannot but seem remote from us. Against the prevailing repression, these Victorian ladies struggled bravely to say yes to sexuality, whereas our era seems, of necessity, to be painfully re-establishing the habit of saying no.

Which increases one's admiration for Michael Berkeley's sensitive Browning and Rossetti settings in *Songs of Awakening Love*.

His emphasis is clearly on the "awakening", for the dominant mood of these orchestral songs is pensive, before suddenly breaking out into much more joyous ideas.

It is these latter moments, of course, that steal the show: the accelerating, upward string rushes and ecstatic vocal melismas at the end of one "Sonnet from the Portuguese"; the quirkily rhythmed birdsong (a trio of oboes and piccolo) underpinning "My heart is like a singing bird"; the ever more lyrical line of "How do I love thee?"

In technical terms the work – with its sparing wind lines against thick string backgrounds, and its occasional free-metre passages – is of high quality throughout.

It provided a great showcase for the soprano Heather Harper, who sang the taxing lines with memorable tonal richness and certainty. Elsewhere in this stimulating concert Richard Hickox and the City of London Sinfonia gave a most characterful, if occasionally slightly careless, performance of Britten's *Frank Bridge Variations*, and Wayne Marshall delivered the organ part of Poulenc's Concerto for Organ, Strings and Timpani, in thunderous fashion.

Very different, no doubt, from the work's première in the Princess de Polignac's salon, but brilliantly effective nonetheless.

Richard Morrison

Modest portrait

TELEVISION

The first human face ever to appear on a television screen belonged to an office boy who had to be bribed with half a crown before he would consent to be dragged in front of the incandescently bright lights. It is only to be regretted that his sterling reluctance has not set an enduring example to succeeding generations.

I Preferred Madness **(BBC2) dredged up enough such anecdotal gobbets from the nappy stage of the century's most important mass medium to have furnished a dramatized mini-series. Indeed, we should perhaps be thankful that this account of the life and works of John Logie Baird ran to a modest 50 minutes.**

Its besetting problem was that it fell between the stools of first-person testimony (led by an actor dictating Baird's autobiography to a silent secretary) and technical exegesis (i.e. Frankensteinian machinery going haywire).

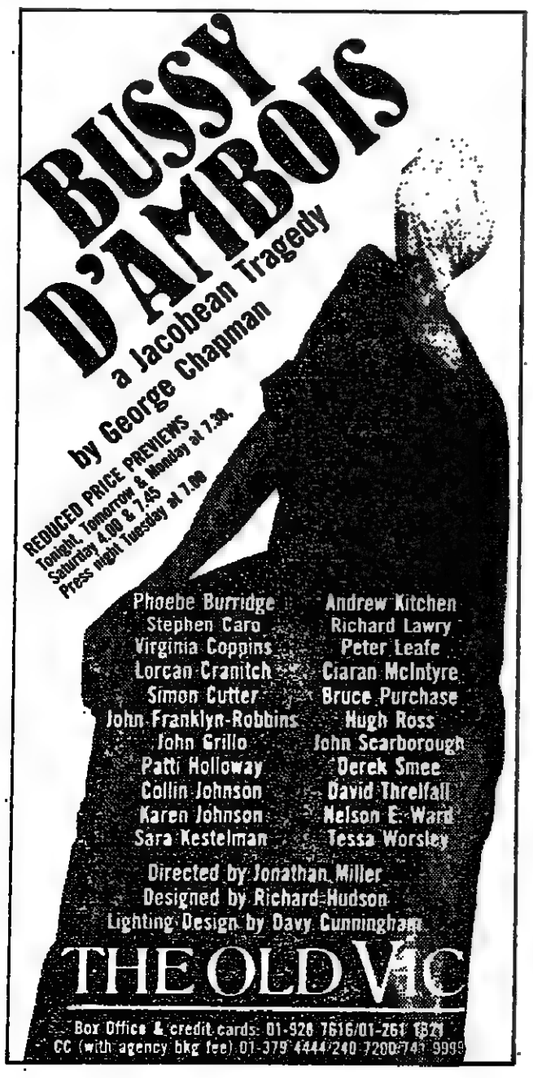
On the one hand, the inventor failed to shrug off his stereotypical straitjacket and emerge as a man; on the other, we never learnt enough about the pre-Baird experiments or the crucial differences between his mechanical system and Marconi's electronic one, on which this programme was transmitted. Paradoxically, much of it would have worked equally well on radio.

The mainspring of *Crimewatch File* (BBC1) was an unforeseeable application of Baird's pioneering work: that television enables police forces in different parts of the country to to keep tabs on one another. According to the ubiquitous frontperson Nick Ross, it was *Crimewatch UK* which first alerted two parallel investigations, into what came to be known as The Railway Murders, that they might be looking for the same man.

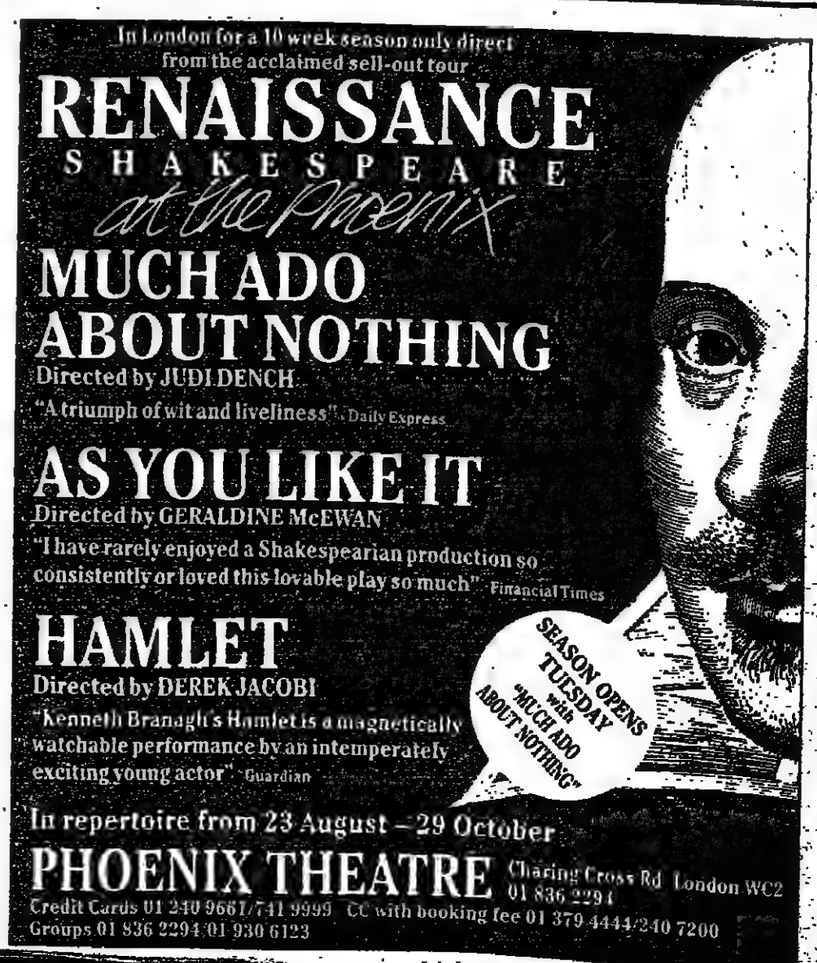
The police nowadays seem to spend so much of their time reconstructing past investigations for the benefit of the viewing public that one fears for the maintenance of the law. At least in Edgar Lustgarten's day they were played by actors.

It is also a source of wonder that the psychologist who systematized the evidence available to the Surrey Constabulary, and came up with 17 accurate predictions about the man they would like to interview, is not employed by them full-time. They would seem to be much in need of his services.

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He who lunches alone

Victoria Glendinning judges the lady's latest to be her best

LATECOMERS
By Anita Brookner
Cape, £10.95

On the first page, a well-dressed person of a certain age is lunching alone and ceremoniously in a London hotel, observing somewhat critically the brash young executives at neighbouring tables. But it is not the fastidious, wistful, solitary woman we might expect from previous Anita Brookner novels; it is a man called Hartmann, and except at lunchtime he is seldom alone, being convivial and solidly married. Hartmann and his wife, Yvette, do not only live in one another's pockets, they are on intimate familial terms with Fibich and his wife, Christine, who live in the flat below them in Ashley Gardens near Victoria.

There are good reasons for the uxoriousness, the domesticity, and the interdependence of the two couples. Hartmann and Fibich were refugee children, shipped out of Hitler's Germany and plunged into an English boarding-school. The two little aliens clung together, and afterwards went into business, manufacturing greetings cards. They have done well. They have come through. But they are "latecomers", and the pain and muted irony of the novel lie in the different ways they, and their wives, cope with isolation and lost beginnings. These figures are set in detailed foregrounds with no backgrounds; they seem to know no one but each other. *Latecomers* is about home, and homesickness, and not belonging.

It is Anita Brookner's best book so far, though it may never be the most popular. It is meditative, more like an intricate set of character studies than a "story". She accounts for each of the men and their wives, separately and together, from early childhood to the verge of old age, in only 248 pages. The reader becomes familiar with each of the four (and their children and grandchildren) in a contemplative, accumulative way. paragraphs are long, the writing meticulously formal. There is little room to spare for direct conversations, and no suspense. Things that might have been made much of remain unsaid. Sex, for a variety of reasons, seems not central for these people. And Hartmann and Fibich must be Jews; but apart from a reference to "the complicated precepts of that old religion that was not even a memory" for them, it never comes up.

The tension in all Anita Brookner's novels is between sense and sensibility, between individuals who can manage life on its own crude terms and those who cannot — with the emphasis on the lonely latter.

Hartmann and his wife manage well. Hartmann screens out things that frighten him, does not dwell on the lost past, is doggedly optimistic and insouciant. His secret is living in the present. He likes food and comfort, friendship and "festiveness". He cushions the group; he is protective of his wife, of his daughter and of the Fibichs, always making little plans for their pleasure.

His blonde, scent-soaked wife, Yvette, who also has a painful past on which she does not dwell, is a complacent woman "saved by self-love" who is serious about appearances, grooming herself immaculately, dressing boldly and expensively, cooking brilliantly, finding her "true life's work" in running a home efficiently. She lives by "old-fashioned feminine codes", not interested in sex but in admiration. Hartmann knows she is naive and silly but is touched by her; there is a memorable scene when the Fibichs enter the Hartmanns' flat to find the thick-waisted, ageing couple waltzing solemnly together.

To take responsibility for others, or to love oneself, seems to be the way into life. The Fibichs can't quite manage either. Fibich is anxious and neurotic, self-absorbed, thin, melancholy, dyspeptic, restless, displaced, obsessed by a childhood in Berlin he cannot recall. He sees the Hartmanns as "stronger, superior, not for any genuine reasons but because they had a fearlessness, even an obtuseness, that made them more successful at life's game." At the office, Fibich is homesick for the Ashley Gardens flat. In the flat, he is homesick for he knows not where.

GLYNN BOYD HARTE



With the gloomy Fibichs, we are back with Brookner's hesitant outsiders. I think she prefers them to the more committed players of life's game. Not even Hartmann gets everything he wants, it is just that some people feel under an obligation to want what they get. That can be hard work too. Maybe inherited temperament gives one no choice in the matter.

Both couples have only children who puzzle them. The Fibichs, to their astonishment, produce a confident and startlingly good-looking son. He finds his parents dull. The Hartmanns' precious daughter marries a man in the greetings card business and settles into phlegmatic, dowdy motherhood in a cold house with pale green walls and dusty dried flowers in the grates.

Latecomers is a repository of similarly expressive interiors: the aunt's Hampstead flat "filled with implacable Gothic furniture"; the "tragic flat" of Christine's horrible widowed father, "decorated in shades of brown and illuminated by the weakest of lights"; Yvette Hartmann's drawing-room, decorated in green, apricot and white; Christine Fibich's cold blue velvet curtains, pinkish carpet, "inert" blue chairs, the indeterminate chilliness of her decor offset by fierce central heating. These rooms are approximations to some idea of home — as all homes are, after childhood. Fibich remembers being a small boy in a large winged chair in his Berlin home, but that is all. "What he craved was an edge of wallpaper, a plant in a pot, a footstool, to furnish the room in which he must have sat."

You cannot go back, though Fibich tries to. This book has a lot to say about ageing. Physically, women get old "unevenly"; but inwardly, no one changes. "They would stay as they were, for whatever changes would now take place would take place in their children, not in themselves." What changes is the angle at which people stand to life, or, rather, to what is left of it.

Parsifal meets Adolf Hitler

FICTION

Philip Howard

PARSIFAL
By Peter Vansittart
Peter Owen, £13.95
THE BOHEMIAN GIRL
By Frances Vernon
Michael Joseph, £11.95
CAPTIVES
By Forbes Bramble
Hamish Hamilton, £11.95
FAMILY BUSINESS
By Anna Murdoch
Collins, £11.95

Parsifal is not a conventional novel with a plot you can usefully summarize, but a typical Vansittart pie of legend, history, imagination and poetry. It tracks Wagner's hero from the dawn of time to the fall of the Nazis, confirming my prejudice that Wagner's myths are a mystical mudbath compared with the clarity of the Greeks.

Down the centuries wanders the golden-haired youth, dressed as a fool, innocent and pure, charismatic to children, wary of women, searching for the grail, whatever that may be. Most of his journey is narrated by a cynical Swedish knight. The quest-novel is complex and concentrated reading. Vansittart is paradoxical and cabalistic, rich with images and curious learning, addicted to the wilder shores of the lexicon and to epigrams: "To love women is to delve into a sack of snakes in search of an eel." Fundamentalist low-brows and lovers of a good straightforward yarn find Vansittart pretentious. But he is an original and powerful writer who fills your head with new images and hallucinations.

The Bohemian Girl is a pretty, witty little parable about Victorian values, and the hazards of being female and intelligent in a country as sexist and anti-intellectual as the United Kingdom. In 1880 the Blenthams are an aristocratic, political family, whose children tumble into the clichés of the period: clandestine marriage to an actress, spinsterhood, the Church, marriage to a Scottish Bart old enough to be one's father.

Diana is the clever one, the youngest and the favourite. She instructs her siblings in the facts of life from *Fanny Hill*, yearns to go to Newnham or some other unsuitable sanctuary for the professional classes, jilts a suitable fiance, and comes to the conclusion that there is nothing in life to be looked forward to but reading.

However, bicycling in Battersea Park she knocks over an artist, a Fenian, and the first man to talk to her seriously as a rational person. Her career from then on to becoming a celebrated *grande horizontale* in Paris, and coming home because she doesn't want to be immoral and wants friends (and maybe misses the London Library) has the matter of popular, soppy historical romance. The men are cardboard caricatures and Dundreary Uncle Sallys. But Diana and her mama are real women. This romance has teeth. It ends with the death of the old Queen Icon; but it bites the eternal issues of class, and sex, and freedom.

Captives are, literally, German prisoners of war and, metaphorically, their English captors, imprisoned by overdraft, the unforgiving land, and their lack of imagination. Back from the war, father drags wife and three children off to a derelict farm in Suffolk and employs German POWs from the local camp as cheap labour.

The story is beautifully told by diverse voices: the very different children, the several Germans, the dour Suffolk locals, the man and his wife, who realizes she is married to a bullying stranger. It catches the feel of the period of ration books and horse ploughing.

The business in **Family Business** is the press, as well as birth, marriage, death. The protagonist is a misunderstood newspaper proprietor, 60ish, anti-elitist, again the liberal media establishment, populist, fighting the unions to the death over new technology.

She is a woman from Colorado called Yarrow. So there is no need to see this as a *roman à clef*, or Yarrow as the author's husband in drag. You can find a larger than life Robert Maxwell figure and snooty Harmsworths lurking in the text if you are determined to treat fiction as reportage. Yarrow has a lifelong love affair with an American financier, who is just foiled of the Democratic nomination by muck-raking journos. He can never marry her because he is locked into a loveless marriage by a damaged child. This printing blockbuster and apron-ripper is authoritative and occasionally didactic on the inky trade.



A guide to baseball, in pitchers

Baseball may not have taken off here like American football, but its heroes can fit through a door in full kit and we can see their faces. Baseball Legends, *by Angus G Garber III (Simon & Schuster, £10.95), is a history of the game, and a gallery of those faces. Should you wish to know how many home runs Joe DiMaggio (left) hit in 1936, search no further. Garber claims that most people will remember DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak. No, most merely recall enviously how DiMaggio became Mr Marilyn Monroe.*

Naval lines

Ursula Stuart Mason

ENTERTAINING ERIC
By Maureen Wells
Imperial War Museum, £12.95

Some 75,000 women of all ages, sizes, and shapes served in the Women's Royal Naval Service in World War Two, and one of them was Maureen Bolster, a naval surgeon's daughter from Surrey. She was not outstanding in having written copiously to her boyfriend (sometimes several times a week); but Eric, perhaps unusually, kept and filed all her letters. They were written to him in the Middle East to cheer him up, amuse him, and entertain him, an Australian serving with the RAF.

They had met at a wedding in 1940, and the knowledge that they were meant for each other was instant and unshaken by the subsequent years. Maureen became first a billeting officer (a very young and inexperienced one) and Eric was posted abroad. "I began," she wrote, "a new job yesterday. My job is to go out and look for householders who will take in workers". Her first placing was decidedly hairy: "a well-known county lady" who reluctantly agreed to have "a man, but he must be a gentleman, public school and preferably university". What Maureen took her was, "Pleased ter meetcher, I'm sure. Mighty kind of yer to tike me in."

Joining the Wrens on Trafalgar Day, 1942, was both a relief and an excitement. She was a courier, travelling the length and breadth of the country with top secret material, after some time as a dispatch rider. She told Eric: "The Navy has more gentlemen than the others. An admiral will get into the (railway) carriage, sit down quietly and read his paper. Except for the gold braid you'd hardly know he was there. A major will get in, blow himself out, shout at porters, throw his things into the rack and generally let you know he's there."

So her change to boat's crew was probably a good thing. She became a stoker, not shovelling coal but making engines work in launches and small boats. This was more like it. This was serving with the seagoing Navy. "The stoker badges on our sleeves," she told Eric, "cause quite a furore wherever we go — just a blue propeller but it's almost unknown on Wrens."

She told him, too, about the King and Queen visiting bombed Portsmouth, and calling at the only house left in a ravaged street, where a small girl opened the door. The Queen asked if the child's mother was in: "Nah, she ain't," came the reply, "but she said if the girl wiv the sailor came she could 'ave the front room for an hour for a tanner." How this must have cheered up the RAF far from home.



Entertaining: Maureen Wells

Eric returned to England in late June, 1944, just after D-Day, and on July 8 he and Maureen were married. They remain so, 44 years and several children (and grandchildren) later.

The letters so carefully kept by Eric were found when they were having a clear-out. They are the letters of a particular kind of girl at a particular time in history. They are lively, yet innocent. They touch chords of memory, they cause people to say "I remember that" or something similar, as they read.

Maureen Wells, née Bolster, says she is "still entertaining Eric". In her book she certainly does that for a wider circle, a whole generation of readers, perhaps now in their 60s, and for many younger.

On the cocaine trail

Martin Cropper

THE COCAINE WARS
By Paul Eddy, with Hugo Sabogal and Sara Walden
Century, £14.95

Miami has so many bogus policemen roaming its streets that householders have been advised to check with their local precinct before admitting anybody claiming to be the real thing. Since so many citizens are involved with the cocaine trade, and so many real policemen will happily "confiscate" the drug for their own profit, this advice is double-edged.

The 400 kilo shipment in the crux of this book (a shipment worth more than $13 million wholesale: not to be sniffed at) was stolen by a squad of genuine pigs in blue, and their prosecution, during which they blithely plotted to murder the key witnesses, succeeded only when the sometime front runner for the Officer of the Year award squealed on 60 of his colleagues.

The business of the Americas is crime. The financier Robert Vesco steals $224 million from investors and retires to the Bahamas. A smuggler turned stoolie is billed by the Internal Revenue Service for $29,487,718 in back tax; he is murdered soon afterwards. Another, posing as a federal narc, hijacks a smuggler's Cay without realizing that it belongs to an *agent provocateur*.

The deposed Nicaraguan dictator Samoza pops up with six trunks full of currency and is relieved of a tithe by high officials before being asked to move on.

These stories come from a Jacobean-shocker twilight of blind greed and compulsive treachery, and had the present retailers only appreciated how bottomlessly funny it all is, we might have had a black masterpiece on our hands. Not even *Mad* magazine could have dreamt up the baroque idiocies of Reagan's War on Drugs, which has one government agency trying to infiltrate the Colombian Cartel and a second importing their cocaine. But then, "Bush is the real president," reports an Irangate stooge. "Reagan is just a puppet."

Of the authors we may assume that one handled the local colour, one the punctuation and one the litotes. Lives are "far from blameless", gunmen are "up to no good", a villain is "not an innocent". Through these eyes the end of the world would not look unimpressive.

Their in-depth research presumably stopped short of sampling the product in question; had they done so they could never have claimed that cocaine is "misclassified" as a narcotic, as though narcosis were a synonym for somnolence. Put it like this: one does not fall asleep over these pages, but one is numbed by them.

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Scoops and Swindles, by Alfred Draper (Buchan and Enright, £12.95). Stories from the days when Fleet Street was "known for its integrity. . ." Well, up to a point Lord Copper.



James Herbert's "Haunted."
A contemporary ghost story in the classic tradition. Hodder & Stoughton £10.95.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's Sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kiki Dee as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£16.50.

☆ **DANGEROUS OBSESSION:** Better-than-average revenge thriller. Politely smiling Dinsdale Landen drags Jeremy Bulloch and Hilary Tindall over the coals.
Fortune Theatre, Russell Street WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8-10.05pm, Sat 8.30-10.35pm, mats Wed 3-5.05pm and Sat 5.30-7.35pm. £6-£13.50.

☆ **DON'T GO AWAY MAD: US actor** Michael Monarty in first production over here of William Saroyan's hospital play of 1948.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15, mats Wed and Sat 3-5.45pm. £6-£11.

☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Noël Coward 1926 with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm. £7.50-£12.50.

☆ **THE FANCY MAN:** A new Mike Stott play of how a young man's love of cricket and pigeons, and his new bride's own preferences for love bring turmoil to a Northern village.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat 8-10.20pm, mat Sat 4.30-6.50pm. Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Mat Sat £6.50, Sat £7.50.

☆ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Maggie Smith and Margaret Tyzack waging eccentric war against the modern world in Peter Shaffer's new comedy.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D) -

☆ **THE RECRUITING OFFICER:** Jim Broadbent as rascally Sgt Kite in a strongly cast production of Farquhar's tough comedy.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm; mats Sat 4-6.30pm. Mon £4, Thurs-Sat £5-£12.

☆ **STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE:** Nostalgia musical: back to the Sixties with the Fabulous Singlettes sporting beehive hair-dos, who sing it like it was.
Piccadilly Theatre, Denman St, W1 (01-437 4506). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm and 9-11pm. £5-£13.50.

☆ **ZIEGFELD:** Topol steps into the lead in latest bid to save the £3million show.
London Palladium, 8 Argyll Street, W1 (01-437 7373). Tube: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.45-5.30pm, £3.25-£21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Strand Theatre (01-836 2660)... ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **The Phantom of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Translations:** Excellent Brian Friel play about British troops re-mapping rural Ireland in the 19th century. Six performances this month under canvas.
Festival Theatre Tent, Oaklands Park (0243 781312), tomorrow 8-10pm, £4.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ★ **Back With a Vengeance:** Dame Edna off on grand tour round the English outback. Wave your glads with pride.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091 232 2061), Tues-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £5-£17.50.

PLYMOUTH: ☆ **Brigadoon:** The first Lerner and Loewe Broadway hit: romance and magic 'mid the Scotch mists.
Theatre Royal, Royal Parade (0752 668282). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, mat Thurs 2.30pm, Sat 4pm. £3.50-£10.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **BABETTE'S FEAST (U):** One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

■ **COMING TO AMERICA (15):** Eddie Murphy as a pampered foreign prince who comes to America to select his own bride. A botched comic vehicle with a touch of sweetness; directed by John Landis (116 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.10.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5931). Progs 2.35, 5.15, 8.15.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.20, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 12.45, 3.05, 5.35, 8.15.
Plaza 1 (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15, 10.45.
Plaza 2 (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30.

THE COUCH TRIP: Dan Aykroyd plays an anarchic prisoner who escapes, impersonates a psychiatrist, takes over a radio phone-in show and becomes a media celebrity (98 min).
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5808). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 6.00, 8.15.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.00, 8.40.

HAIRSPRAY (PG): Nutty comedy from director John Waters, America's high priest of bad taste, poking fun at the social habits of Baltimore teenagers in 1962 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.35, 3.35, 5.35, 7.35, 9.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.15, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

HAWKS: British black comedy, set in the fleshpots of Amsterdam and London, with Timothy Dalton and Anthony Edwards as two men faced with the prospect of death. Written by Roy (*Last of the Summer Wine*) Clarke; directed by Robert Ellis Miller (110 min)
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12.40, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40.

THE JUNGLE BOOK (U): Revival of the joyous Disney cartoon based on Kipling's stories, with knockabout visual gags and simple but effective animation (78 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0130). Progs 1.20, 3.45, 6.10, 8.35.
Odeon High Street Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.25, 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.

TRACK 29: Prickly psychological drama from director Nicolas Roeg and writer Dennis Potter, about a bored American housewife (Theresa Russell) whose life is overturned by a stranger claiming to be her long lost son (Gary Oldman) (91 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691) Progs 2.40, 4.45, 8.50, 9.00.

CONCERTS

☆ **ALL BACH:** Making an early start, John Eliot Gardiner conducts massed vocal and instrumental forces in Bach's *St Matthew Passion*.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-379 4444), 7pm, £3-£13.

☆ **ALL BERNSTEIN:** To mark Leonard Bernstein's 70th birthday John McGlinn conducts the LSO in excerpts from his *West Side Story, Candide, On The Town, Wonderful Town*.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ **ALL RUSSIAN:** The State Orchestra of the USSR is conducted by Yevgeny Svetlanov in some quite unusual pieces, viz Glinka's *Symphony in One Movement*, Shostakovich's arrangement of Mussorgsky's *Khovanschina* Overture, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 3.
Usher Hall, Lothian Rd, Edinburgh (031 228 1156, cc 031 228 5755), 8pm, £4.50-£15.

OPERA

☆ **FERRABRAS:** Schubert's rarely performed opera in a semi-staged version as part of Summerscope's little Schubert and Britten Festival. Jaffrey Tate conducts the English Chamber Orchestra and a cast led by Thomas Moser and Anne Dawson.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.15-10.15pm, £5.50-£15.50.

☆ **TURANDOT:** New, zany production in Swedish by the Folk Opera of Stockholm, visiting the Edinburgh Festival once again.
Leith Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756 or 01-240 7200), 7.30-10.30pm, mat 2.30pm, £2.50 (on day) to £8.

JAZZ

☆ **LISBON JAZZ SEXTET:** Rare visitors to this country, the young Portuguese musicians are crisp exponents of the "neo-classical" idiom.
British Telecom Maltings Proms, Snape Maltings (0800 585789) 7.30pm, £2.20-£7.80.

☆ **LEE KONITZ:** Still best known for his "cool" work, the saxophonist has been a variable performer of late.
Band On The Wall, 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6825) doors open 8.30pm, £6.



"A well made dog with a good wide head and kind eyes": The English National Sheepdog Trials begin today at Malton, North Yorkshire

Sidney's sheep may safely graze

Seventy-two-year-old Sidney Price's long coated border collie Davy prepares to defend two titles — English National Champion and Supreme Champion — at the English National Sheepdog Trials, which begin today. (Davy's father, Roy, won the Scottish National title for the fourth time last week.) The top 15 competitors over the next three days will be selected to represent the English team in the international — or blue ribbon trial — to be held at Blair Castle next month. Today the word sheepdog is virtually synonymous with the border collie. Yet until just before the Second World War the Old English was still working on the Kent marshes, and the bearded collie was still rounding up during and after the war. According to Philip Hendry, secretary, treasurer and Keeper of the Stud Book of the International Sheepdog Society, the border collie has emerged supreme "because it has all the qualities a farmer needs whether for sheep or for cattle. It can cover 30 miles a day, day after day, and it is supremely intelligent." The judges at this trial will be looking for "a well made dog with a good wide head and kind eyes", though looks alone are not enough. "A sheepdog is nothing until you see him working — and then, if he's a champion, he is poetry in motion." The trials are held at Malton, near York and continue until Saturday, 8am-7pm, £2.

Judy Froshaug

☆ **PHILIP BENT:** The young flautist has, one hopes, shed the sub-Tutu funk posturings of his recent QEH show.
Summerscope Jazz, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800) 8pm, £4.

☆ **ARTURO SANDOVAL:** Fourth and final week from the exhilarating Cuban trumpeter, a Dizzy Gillespie protégé.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

ROCK

☆ **BROKEN ENGLISH:** Wily Rolling Stones/ZZ Top pastiche: currently struggling in the bottom reaches of the chart with "Do You Really Want Me Back?".
Venue, 115 Catton Road, Edinburgh (031 557 3073) 9pm, £3.

☆ **AR KANE:** Sonic-boom art-rockers, promoting a challenging debut album, *69*, and tonight reopening the Fahrenheit 326 Club.
Fridge, Town Hall Parade, London SW2 (01-326 5100) 9pm, £5.

☆ **JULIA FORDHAM:** See caption.
Fernehem Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham (0329 231942) 7.30pm, £5.



Julia Fordham (above), who used to be a backing singer for Mari Wilson, has caused something of a stir in her own right this year with the release of a rapturously received eponymous debut album and the current hit single, "Happy Ever After". One of those purring, post-Sade torch singers, she has both the slinky vocal technique and enough of a demure, magnetic presence to guarantee continued attention as she embarks tonight on a brief string of British dates (see listing).

DANCE

☆ **I AM CURIOUS, ORANGE:** Michael Clark's new dance show with light music by *The Fall*.
King's Theatre, Leven Street, Edinburgh (031-225 5756), 7.30-9.30pm. £3-£8.

☆ **THE MONKEY KING:** Dance, acrobatics, music and drama by the Peking Opera.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.30-10pm, £4-14.

☆ **TOMORROW'S DANCERS:** Ballet Rambert school in new works.
Chaplaincy Centre, Bristo Square, Edinburgh (031-667 7426), 2.20-3.40pm, £3.50.

☆ **A MATTER OF CHANCE:** New gymnastic dance piece for the Kosh, adapted by Roger McGough from Nabakov's story.
Theatre Workshop, Hamilton Place, Edinburgh (031-226 5425), 8-9.30pm, £9.

GALLERIES

DAVID GARLAND: Domestic earthenware glazed with bright colours.
Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth (0752 660060), Mon 10am-5pm, Tues-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 5-8pm, free, until Sept 17.

ROGER NOAKES: Sculptural works in progress by an Australian artist-in-residence.
Space Studio, Air Gallery, 6 & 8 Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 7795), Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat-Sun 12-6pm, free, until Aug 26.
THE PASTEL SOCIETY: Annual open exhibition.
Mall Galleries, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1 (01-930 6844), daily 10am-5pm, £1, until Aug 28.

DERBYSHIRE WOODS: Richly textural paintings by Michael Porter.
Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield (0742 726281), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Sept 11.

THE ROMANTIC TRADITION IN CONTEMPORARY BRITISH PAINTING: Contributors to this important show include Thérèse Oulton, Lance Smith and Michael Porter.
Ikon Gallery, 58-72 John Bright Street, Birmingham (021 643 0708), Tues-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Aug 27.

MAGNUS IRVIN: Striking recent woocuts by a perceptive observer of contemporary urban life.
Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 1732), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until Sept 14.

SCULPTURA: Pieces by an international selection of artists, including Barry Flanagan, who have worked at the Carrara marble quarries in Tuscany.
Yorkshire Sculpture Park, West Bretton, nr Wakefield (0924 85302), daily 10am-6pm, free, until Nov 27.

WALKS

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF OLD LONDON: meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (also next Thurs).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

ANCIENT INNS AND TAVERNS OF DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

OTHER EVENTS

SOUTHPORT FLOWER SHOW: Britain's leading summer horticulture show with more than one million blooms, 90 of the country's top horticultural growers, 25 outdoor gardens and numerous competitions.
Victoria Park, The Esplanade, Southport, Merseyside (0704 35678). Today 10am-9pm, tomorrow 9am-9pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm and admission today adult £5.50, child £2.75. Tomorrow adult £5, child £2.50. Sat adult £4.50, child £2.25.

WEST LONDON ANTIQUES FAIR: 85 leading British dealers at this annual event. Wide range of antiques for sale, priced from £10 to £30,000.
Kensington Town Hall, Hanton Street, London W8 (01-937 5464). Today until Sat inclusive 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm. Admisson £3 incl catalogue.

CIRCUS BURLESQUE: The seven-strong troupe of acrobats, jugglers, dancers and musicians under the big top at Cannon Hill this week.
Midland Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham (021 4404221). Tonight until Sun incl 7.30pm, plus matinees Sat, Sun 2.30pm. Adult £4, child £2.50.

BRING ON THE CLOWNS: Competitions every day for children plus different entertainments. Today, tomorrow, Sat: *The Fluppets* plus tonight a fancy dress competiton 6.30pm to 7.15pm, Sat disco dancing competitions for children of all ages.
Aliders of Croydon, North End, Croydon (01-681 2577). Free.

GLASGOW FESTIVAL OF BRITISH YOUTH ORCHESTRAS: The Warwickshire Schools chamber orchestra with music by Gounod, Haydn, Bach, Mozart.
Stevenson Hall, Glasgow (box office 041 332 5057), 7.30pm, £3.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES: Concerts by Emerson and Gabrieli Quartets; Vogler Quartet of East Berlin; Hagen Quartet of Salzburg; plus Peter Schidlof memorial concert with Ensemble Amadeus and Murray Perahia. Sept-Dec.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141) General booking now open.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA: Winter season includes Andrew Vores new work *Twistification*, and pre-Christmas concert including *Swan Lake*, and *Peter and the Wolf*. Appearances by Matthias Bamert, Alexander Bigson, Christopher Seaman, Yan Pascal Tortelier, John Lill, Michael Roll. Oct-April.
Concerts at Caird Hall, Central Booking Office, 6 City Square, Dundee (0382 23141 ext 4288) Counter booking open for subscriptions. Individual concert booking from Sept 7 (priority) and 12 (general).

SHAKESPEARE'S LAST PLAYS: Weekend event focusing on Sir Peter Hall's productions, led by Associate Director Alan Cohen, with members of National Theatre Company. Tickets £35. Include visits to all three plays. Nov 11-13. Phone booking now open.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252).

LAST CHANCE

IMPLEMENTS FOR TEATIME: Intricately made metalwork by Hazel Jones in spirit of Heath Robinson and great Victorian inventors. Works for sale.
Craft Showcase, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 0839) Ends this weekend.

TIM ROLLINS AND KOS OF SURVIVAL: First exhibition in Britain paintings by Tim Rollins and KOS from South Bronx. Ends Sun.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-741 2251).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending August 13

FICTION

1	**Confession of Brother Haulin,** Ellis Peters	*Headline*	£ 9.95
2	**Tales of the Early World,** Ted Hughes	*Faber*	£ 5.95
3	**The Spanish Armada,** Sheila Speers	*Ladybird*	£ .90
4	**The Bonfire of the Vanities,** Tom Wolfe	*Cape*	£12.95
5	**Love in the Time of Cholera,** G Garcia Marquez	*Cape*	£11.95

NON-FICTION

1	**A Brief History of Time,** Dr Stephen Hawking	*Bantam*	£12.95
2	**The Secret File of the Duke of Windsor,** Michael Bloch	*Bantam*	£14.95
3	**Young Betjeman,** Bevis Hiller	*John Murray*	£14.95
4	**Picasso,** A Stassinolpoulos Huffington	*Weidenfeld*	£16.00
5	**Snake Charmers in Texas,** Clive James	*Cape*	£11.95

PAPERBACKS

1	**Moon Tiger,** Penelope Lively	*Penguin*	£ 3.99
2	**The Radiant Way,** Margaret Drabble	*Penguin*	£ 3.95
3	**Whale Nation,** Heathcote Williams	*Cape*	£ 8.95
4	**The Unbearable Lightness of Being,** M Kundera	*Faber*	£ 3.95
5	**Hermit of Eyton Forest,** Ellis Peters	*Futura*	£ 2.99
6	**A Handful of Dust,** Evelyn Waugh	*Penguin*	£ 3.99
7	**The Remake,** Clive James	*Picador*	£ 3.95
8	**The Songlines,** Bruce Chatwin	*Picador*	£ 3.95
9	**Presumed Innocent,** Scott Turow	*Penguin*	£ 3.99
10	**A Talent to Annoy,** Nancy Mitford	*OUP*	£ 4.95

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

WORD-WATCHING

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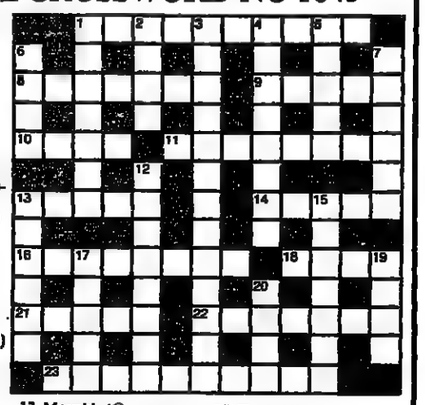
DIOPHTHALM
(b) Something with two eyes, from the Greek *di-* two + *ophthalmos* an eye: "Eyes pulled from their sockets and knotted neatly into a grotesque single diophthalm by a tugging and then twisting of their stalks."

EVANCALOUS
(c) Pleasant to embrace, from the Greek *eu* (pronounced *ev*) well, and *agkalos* an armful.

AXIOPISTY
(a) Trustworthiness, the quality that makes something credible, from the Greek *axios* worthy, deserving, and *pistus* trustworthy, true.

HYDROMEL
(c) Mead, from the Greek *hudro-* water + *meli-* honey, a liquor consisting of a mixture of honey and water which when fermented is called vinous hydromel or mead; also a laxative of honey and water: "The young man used to drink the Russian beverage of hydromel, a kind of mead."

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1645



ACROSS
1 Australian bamboo instrument (10)
8 Localized (7)
9 Surpass (5)
10 Layer, level (4)
11 Without penalty (4-4)
13 Stone worker (5)
14 Musty (5)
16 Knee-length shorts (8)
18 Schleswig-Holstein capital (4)
21 Bristol Channel isle (5)
22 Floor fabric (7)
23 Intelligent ape (10)

DOWN
1 Bumper cars (7)
2 US 10 cent piece (4)
3 Knowledge manual (13)
4 Recognize (8)
5 Academy award (5)
6 Exploit (4)
7 Drowsy (6)
12 Dilated blood vessel sac (8)
13 Movable (6)
15 Beach pebbles (7)
19 Tardy (4)
20 Fine hairs mass (4)
17 US cattle farm (5)

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Edgar Kennedy in *Dummy Acre* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Pamela Armstrong. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27.**
8.35 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w). Episode five (r). **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05 But First This!** introduced by Andy Crane begins with **The Pink Panther Show.** Three cartoons (r). **9.25 Why Don't You. . ?** Entertaining ideas for young people at a loose end (r). **9.50 Laurel and Hardy** (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by **Silas.** Episode eight of the adventures of a young man who runs away from a cruel circus owner (r). (Ceefax) **10.30 Play School** presented by Mike Amatt and Liz Watts (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven** with pupils from the Arts Educational Schools, Chiswick.
11.00 News and weather followed by **Superman.** Adventures of the all-American super-hero. **11.30 Wildlife on One: Scorpion.** Film from North Africa and the Caribbean on the private of the scorpion (r).
12.00 News and weather followed by The Garden Party introduced by Viv Lumsden and Eamonn Holmes. Today's programme includes Mavis Nicholson talking to Sir John Junor and his daughter, Penny. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.30 Neighbours.** Mrs Mangel is far from amused by her portrait
1.50 AD — Anno Domini. Episode four of the five-part drama tracing the birth of Christianity and the fall of the Roman Empire (r). (Ceefax)
3.30 Gardeners' Direct Line. Geoffrey Smith and Bill Sowerbutts deal with viewers' gardening problems. To participate ring Leeds (0532) 446222 before 2.30pm today
4.00 Cartoon 4.10 Scrutiny (r). **4.35 Kids of Degrassi Street.** The antics of a group of children who live on a Toronto street (r).
5.00 Newsround 5.05 We Are the Champions Special. Track and swimming pool competitions between teams of disabled children, presented by Ron Pickering from Vale Farm Sports Centre, Wembley. **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops
7.30 EastEnders. Pauline receives an offer of employment; while others queue for a job opportunity. (Ceefax)
8.00 Bodymatters. Drs Graeme Garden, Alan Maryon Davis and Gillian Rice investigate the radiation to which we are daily exposed. (Ceefax)
8.30 Bread. Comedy series about a resourceful Liverpudlian family fighting the scourge of unemployment (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather
9.30 The Monocled Mutineer. Episode two of the four-part drama and it is June 1917 and Percy Toplis arrives at the notorious Etaples training camp in northern France (r). (Ceefax)
10.45 Film: Crosstalk (1982) starring Gary Day and Penny Downie. High technology drama about a computer expert who discovers that a new super-machine has developed a steadily growing intelligence and that it has witnessed a murder. Directed by Mark Egerton.
12.05am Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Inner City Story — *The Developer.* Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax**
12.30 Open University Showcase 1.20 Chock-a-Block (r). **1.35 Ceefax**
2.00 News and weather followed by **Sweat of the Sun, Tears of the Moon.** Programme one of an eight-part award-winning series on South American society (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by **Ours to Keep.** How the Rev David Wyatt saved his derelict church, St Paul the Apostle, Salford, from demolition
3.40 Northern Arts. The restoration of Moot Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne **3.50** News, regional news and weather
4.00 Dr Kildare. Episode six of the medical drama starring Richard Chamberlain (r). **4.25 Boating Rutter.** On the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal **4.55 Holiday Outings** Kathy Tayler holidays on a gypsy caravan (r).
5.00 Star Brass. St Colmen's Band **5.30 Eating Out With Tovey at** Holker Hall, Cumbria
6.00 Film: Hit the Ice (1943, b/w) starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello as photographers who accidentally film a gang robbing a bank. Directed by Charles Lamont.
7.20 Sea Gypsy (r).
7.40 Comrades. A portrait of the privileged Moscow life of eye surgeon Svyatoslav Nikolaevich Fyodorov (r).
8.30 Bruegel the Elder (r).
9.00 The Travel Show includes a report from Amalfi on the Neapolitan Riviera; and from Matthew Collins on his experiences when accompanying a wheelchair-bound lady on holiday in Teneriffe.
9.50 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The guests include mime clown Bill Irwin (r). (Ceefax)
10.15 Police Powers. The last of six programmes on the relationship between the police and the public
10.45 Newsnight 11.30 Weather.
11.35 Open University: Weekend Outlook **11.40** Form and Function of Fossils. Ends at **12.10am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Richard Keys; **8.50 Wacaday,** for the young, with Timmy Mallett.
9.25 Thames news and weather
9.30 What's My Line? Odd occupations panel game. Today's guests are Jilly Cooper, Ted Rogers, Bertice Reading and Malcolm Jamieson. Chaired by Angela Rippon
10.00 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe (r). **10.25 News** headlines
10.30 Which Way? A *Jobwatch* Special with advice for those *receiving their A-level results* this morning **11.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet series with Neil Innes (r). **11.25 Thames news** and weather
11.30 Plants For Free. Plant propagation series (r). (Oracle) **12.00 Knight Rider.** Michael and KITT go underwater looking for treasure (r). **12.30 Santa Barbara.**
1.00 News at One with John Suchet **1.20 Thames news** and weather **1.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased).** Comedy detective series (r).
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden recalls the 25-year-old award-winning documentary *Wedding On Saturday* **3.00 Take the High Road.** Both Mrs Anderson and Sheila have new jobs **3.25 Thames** news and weather **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Tumbledown Farm 4.15 Madi. The second of a series of silent films from this year's European Broadcasting Union Exchange **4.45 Panic Station** (Oracle)
5.15 Give Us a Clue (r).
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 Thames news** and weather.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Jack makes a statement that upsets Annie and the rest of the family.
7.00 Jimmy's. Real-life dramas with the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leeds
7.30 Jimmy Greaves. Chat show
8.00 The Bill. Inspector Christine Frazer regrets not "going by the book" when she has a brush with an alcoholic "bag lady". (Oracle)
8.30 The Fastest Men on Earth. *(see Choice)*
9.00 In the Heat of the Night. Sparta jail is overcrowded when the six wives of bigamist James Jeffson arrive with food — and they all come under suspicion when he dies after being poisoned.
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and John Suchet **10.30 Thames news** and weather
10.35 A Problem Aired deals with Ken, a man in his fifties who has an obsession with checking things — something that sometimes leads to him taking half-an-hour to leave home
11.05 First Run. David Putnam introduces two short films — *The Swimming Pool* and *Coffee Coloured Children.* Followed by Crimestoppers
11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H.
12.40am World Chess Championship. The second game in the best-of-six quarter-final between Britain's Nigel Short and Jon Speelman.
1.00 Don McLean at the Forum.
2.00 News headlines and weather followed by **Film: Salem's Lot** (1979) starring David Soul and James Mason. A made-for-television drama about a best-selling author who returns to his roots to write a story about a local house that has fascinated him since childhood. Directed by Tobe Hooper
4.00 News headlines followed by **Too Close For Comfort.** Comedy series
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun. Three programmes for children (r).
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Damian Green
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. The guests are Placido Domingo and ballet dancer Suzanne Farrell.
2.00 Channel 4 Racing from York. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the 2.05, 2.35, 3.10 (William Hill Sprint Championship), 3.45 and 4.15 races
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Vicky Tomlinson from West Ayton near Scarborough. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster assisted in the dictionary corner by Nigel Rees
5.00 Film: Don't Take It to Heart (1944, b/w) starring Richard Greene and Patricia Medina. Comedy, set in England during the Second World War, about a coffin, a ghost and some old manuscripts that come to light after a stately home is destroyed in a bomb raid. Directed by Jeffrey Dell
6.40 Film: Ants in the Pantry (1936, b/w) starring the Three Stooges as workers for a pest extermination company trying to drum-up business. Directed by Preston Black
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Nik Gowing.
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.00 Ourselves and Other Animals. The final programme in Gerald and Lee Durrell's series on how animals communicate (r).
8.30 Amen. Comedy series set in an inner-city Philadelphia church
9.00 Goya. Episode four of the six-part dramatization of the life of the *celebrated Spanish painter.* Starring Enric Majó and Laura Morante. (Oracle)
10.00 True Stories: Missile. A documentary made by award-winning film-maker Fred Wiseman about the school where crews are taught how to handle the United States's intercontinental ballistic missiles. (Oracle)
12.05am Film: One Man's War (1981, b/w). (see Choice). Ends at **2.10.**

Penthouse to outhouse

TELEVISION CHOICE



Bob Hayes, the 1964 Olympic gold medallist who eventually became addicted to drugs and ended up in jail (ITV, 8.30pm)

● **The Fastest Men on Earth** (ITV, 8.30pm) covers the Olympic 100 metre champions of 1956, 1960 and 1964. Once the ballyhoo was over, each of these winners contemplated the grim conclusion that the faster you run, the harder you fall. Bobby Morrow, golden boy of American college athletics, failed to *qualify in 1960* after winning in 1956. Bad business deals, a failed marriage, and loss of religious faith followed. The German Armin Hary won in 1960, with the help of a dubious starting technique, and carried his cynicism to the winner's rostrum wearing unmatched shoes from two different sponsors. He was later convicted of fraud. Bob Hayes, a truly awesome sight at full speed (8.6 off a flying start), fell from "penthouse to outhouse", from football star to addict and convict. Hary is conspicuous by his absence here ("a forgotten man"), but the other two speak of slow and painful rehabilitations.

● The twisted knots of that shrouded period, the German Occupation of Paris from 1940 to 1944, are unravelled in Edgardo Cozarinsky's fascinating documentary *One Man's War* (C4, 12.05am). Cozarinsky takes into account what history often omits: the imprecise way in which most people live lives based on rumour, false hopes, and infrequent moments of illumination. Skilful technique combines contemporary news reel propoganda, much of it stressing the continuity of *mundanities with the private* diary of the German military commandant, an observant occupier given to private doubt.

Chris Petit

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow with Steve Wright at Bude **12.30** Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson)
12.45 Gary Davies **3.00** Nicky Campbell **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** My Top 10 (Carly Simon) **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see Radio 1)
News on the hour
4.00 Bill Rennells **5.30** Chris Stuar; **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club with George Hamilton IV **8.00** Gerry Ford Presents **9.00** Lou Sattori's Gospel Jubilee **10.00** Wise on The Wireless **10.30** The Spinners And Friends **11.00** Brian Matthew with Round Midnight **1.00** Alan Dedicoat with Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Time for Verse **6.40** Farming World **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Guitar Workshop **7.45** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** *The World Today* **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Churchill the Historian **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Book Choice **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Network UK **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Write On ... **3.00** *Radio Newsreel* **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook, opening with News Summary **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Hare's Humph! **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Talking from Scotland **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **12.00** World News **12.09** News about Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Radio Active **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Folk in Britain **1.45** Talking from Scotland **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Health Matters **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.35 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Rossini (Overture to La cambiale di matrimonio: National PO under Riccardo Chailly): Debussy (Two Arabesques: Kathryn Stott, piano); Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto in C, RV 473: Klaus Thunemann I Musici)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Schubert (Overture to the Magic Harp: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur); Brahms (Rhapsody in G minor, Op 79 No 2: Radu Lupu, piano); Paganini (Quartet Op 4 No 2: Rainer Kussmaul, violin, Ulrich Koch, viola, Sonja Prunnbauer, guitar, and Marcal Cervera, cello); Mozart (Minuet in D, K 355: Daniel Barenboim, piano); Telemann (Concerto for trumpet, strings and continuo: English Chamber Orchestra under Charles Mackerras with Maurice André, trumpet, and Mauritz Sillem harpsichord
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Fanny Hensel and Clara Schumann. Hensel (Oratorio on scenes from the Bible: Cologne Kurrende Choir and Orchestra under Elke Mascha Blankenburg, with Isabel Lippitz, soprano, Anne Marie Fischer, contralto, Hitoshi Hetano, tenor, and Thomas Thomaschke, bass); Schumann (Three Romances, Op 11: Hélène Boschi, piano)
9.35 Hollywood String Quartet: Prokofiev's Quartet No 2 in F; Turina's La oración del torero; Wolf's Italian Serenade in G; and Ravel's Introduction and Allegro. With Ann Mason Stockton (harp), Arthur Gleghorn (flute) and Mitchell Lurie (clarinet)
10.25 Emanuel Vardi: The viola player with Kathron Sturrock (piano) plays Bach's Chaconne; Brahms's Sonata in E flat, Op 120 No 2; and arrangements by Chopin, Kreutzer and Frescobaldi (r)
11.10 Dvorak: BBC Welsh SO under James Loughran with Robert Cohen (cello) perform Overture to Carnival; Cello Concerto in B minor; and Symphony No 9 in E minor (from the New World). Includes **12.08** Interval reading
1.00 News
1.05 Mendelssohn: Piano Trio in D minor, Op 49: Gainsborough Piano Trio (Adrian Levine, violin, Andrew Shulman, cello, and Graeme Humphrey, piano) (r)
1.40 L'incoronazione di Dario (The Coronation of Darius): Nicholas Anderson introduces Vivaldi's three-act opera (sung in Italian). Performed by Baroque Ensemble of Nice under Gilbert Bezzina, with Isabelle Poulenard (soprano), John Elwes (tenor), Gerard Lesne, Henri Ledroit and Dominique Visse (counter-tenors), and Michel Verschaeve (baritone)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Fritz Spiegl puts musical scene-painting to the test
5.25 Bandstand: Her Majesty's Royal Marines School of Music Band, Deal under Lieutenant Colonel G A C Hoskins, perform Michael Philip's Five Burns Sketches; and Bruce Fraser's Celebrations
6.55 News
7.00 *Proms 88: Live from the* Royal Albert Hall, London. Bach's St Matthew Passion performed by Monteverdi Choir, English Baroque Soloists under Gardiner, and the Finchley Children's Music Group (directed by Ronald Corp) with Barbara Bonney and Ann Monoyios (sopranos), Michael Chance (counter-tenor), Catherine Robbin (contralto), Howard Crook (tenor), Olaf Bär (baritone), and Cornelius Hauptmann (bass). With Anthony Rolfe Johnson (tenor) as the Evangelist, and Andreas Schmidt (baritone) as Christus. Includes **8.05** Christopher Innes discusses how Bach's music inspired *A Theatre of Space* by Edward Gordon Craig
10.10 North and South: Michael Black, former Cambridge University Publisher, gives a lecture about the cultural poverty of modern Britain as seen through the eyes of some of her social critics (second of two talks) (r)
10.30 Temper and Temperament: Piano recital by Shelagh Sutherland. First broadcast of Steve Martland's Kgakala; and Ravel's Sonatine
11.00 Composers of the Week: Janacek. Sokol Fanfares (Sinfonietta); The Ballad of Blanik; Adagio (Capriccio for piano, left hand, and wind instruments); and Glagolitic Mass (r)
12.00 News
12.05 Close

BBC1 WALES

5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today followed by Neighbours **12.05am-12.10** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 5.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND

3.40pm Irish Open Golf **4.55-5.00** Dr Kildare

ANGLIA

As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** That's My Dog **1.20** Anglia News and Weather **1.30** Falcon Crest **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Wheels **11.20** Ink Fever **11.50** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.45am** Hollywood Wives **2.30** 9 to 5 **3.00** Australian Heritage **4.00** America's Top 10 **4.30-5.00** Survival

BORDER

As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** An Invitation to Remember (Robert Morley) **1.20** Border News **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **3.00** Gardening Time **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround Thursday **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Kojak **11.30** Chick Corea and the Electric Blue Band **12.00am** Border Weather and Closedown.

CENTRAL

As London except: **12.00pm** Dining in France **12.30** Home Cookery Club **12.35-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Central News **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **6.00** Central News **6.25-6.30** Police 5 **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** ECO **11.05** Return to Eden **12.05am** Bullseye **12.35** Film: Borsalino **2.50** 48 Hours **3.45** *Live from Wilebald's* **4.15-5.00** Central Jobfinder '88.

CHANNEL

As London except: **12.00pm** Hairloom **12.30-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Channel News **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** A Country Practice **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **5.00-6.30** Channel Report followed by: **Maintaining the Small Garden 10.35 Music Makers 11.05 Are Mothers Really Necessary? 11.35 Worlds Beyond 12.05am UFO 1.05 Sports Action Worldwide 2.10 Taxi 2.45 America's Top 10 3.15 Company 3.25 Moulin Rouge 4.25-5.00 Just Williams**

GRANADA

As London except: **12.00-12.30** Survival **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30-2.25** A Country Practice **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.00-5.30** Granada Reports followed by This Is Your Right **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** World Championship Boxing

VARIATIONS

12.10am The Brets **1.15** Film: The House of the Yellow Carpet **2.55** Sports Action **3.50** Rock of Europe **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST

As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** The Shakespeare Trilogy **1.20** HTV News **1.30** Country Practice **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **6.00-6.30** HTV News **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** The West This Week **11.15** HTV Weekend Outlook **11.20** Short Story Theatre **11.50** Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense **1.05am** The Forum Presents **2.00** *HTV Weather and Closedown.*

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales At Six **10.35-11.00** Swansea Festival **11.05-11.30** Welsh Learner of the Year.

TSW

As London except: **12.00pm-12.30** Cover Story **1.20** Today News and Weather **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.30** Today **7.30-8.00** Who's The Boss? **10.35pm** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **11.35pm** Legwork **12.30am** Postscript, weather, close

TVS

As London except: **12.00pm** Harloom **12.30-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** TVS News and Weather **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Country Practice **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35** Music Makers **11.05** Are Mother's Really Necessary? **11.35** Worlds Beyond **12.05am** UFO **1.05** Sports Action Worldwide **2.10** Taxi **2.45** America's Top 10 **3.15** Company **3.25** Moulin Rouge **4.25-5.00** Just Williams

TYNE TEES

As London except: **1.30pm** News **1.35** Lookaround **1.30-2.30** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Voices of War **11.05** Straight Talk **11.35** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.30am** Inner Space **12.40-6.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER

As London except: **12.00-12.30pm** Dining in France **1.20** Ulster Newstime **1.30** Children — Helping Hands **2.00-2.30** Starring...The Actors **5.00** Summer Edition **6.30-6.39** Police **10-35** From Stone to Stone **11.05** Carson's Law **12.05am** At Home With...Sir Edward Du Cann **12.35** Ulster Newsome.

YORKSHIRE

As London except: **12.00** For the Honor of Their Country **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Calendar News **1.30** A Country Practice **2.25-2.30** Emergency **6.00-6.30** Calendar **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense **12.00am** America's Top 10 **12.30** Film: The Violation of Sarah McDavid **2.25** Out of Limits **2.30** Married...With Children **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: **10.20** Film: Manhatten Melodrama **12.00** Countdown **12.30** Business Daily **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Just 4 Fun **2.30** Racing **4.20** Pilalabalam **4.30** Am Ras **5.00** Family Ties **5.30** A Vote of No Confidence **6.00** Brookside **6.30** The Angling Experience **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Caffo! **8.00** Yr Enfeddiaeth Wyllt Penawdau Newyddion **8.35** Dinas **9.05** Virtuoso **10.05** Hemingway **11.05** Scapa Flow 1919 **12.05** Film: One Man's War **2.10** Diwedd.

RTE 1

Starts: **4.00** News headlines followed by Bosco **4.30** How **5.00** Down the Leprechaun **5.15** The Campbells **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Garda Patrol **6.10** The Gummi Bears **6.35** A Portrait of the Soviet Union **7.35** Garvan Byrne **8.00** Starbuck **9.00** News **9.20** Today Tonight **10.00** Sorry! **10.35** The Wine Programme **11.05** Rude Health **11.35** News, Close.

RADIO CHOICE



Profile of "Battling" Bessie Braddock MP (R4, 8.30pm)

● The mini-biography of Bessie Braddock, radical socialist Liverpool MP and city councillor, in **Rebels** (Radio 4, 8.30pm) has a full measure of fulsome praise, in the tradition of *This Is Your Life.* But there is the odd wart. Her brother-in-law says he could never have married the woman they called "Battling Bessie". She would "have got on my bloody nerves". There was, of course, much more to her than political windbaggery and the occasional bout of histrionics (she once gave a lusty rendering of the "Red Flag" from the floor of the Commons, then danced a jig, ending up in the seat vacated by Churchill. It was this same Churchill who, when reprimanded by Bessie for being drunk, replied: "Madam, *you* are ugly. But I'll be sober in the morning." Bessie Braddock championed the cause of the poor and mentally handicapped, and abhorred the tyranny of wealth and privilege. Equally, she abhorred the tyranny of the Communist Party, and *quit its ranks.* Physically a heavyweight, she believed in the social benefits of boxing, holding (naively?) that if the raised fists of youth had gloves on, there would be less violence on the streets.

Peter Davalle

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** *Weather 7.00, 8.00 News* **7.25, 8.25** Sport, **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.42 Behind the Wall: written by Colin Thubron (7 of 12) (s) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Pumkins: An apparently simple way to reduce mugging and fraud; plus a passenger's guide on how to avoid being arrested on the railways (r)
9.45 Uncle Mort's North Country: by Peter Tinniswood. With Peter Skellern (final part) (s) (r)
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling talks to conservationists who are trying to protect the tuatara, a lizard-like reptile native to New Zealand
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens (s)
11.25 Prophets Returned: In the second of four conversations with people whose theories about food were ahead of their time, Derek Cooper talks to Frances Moore Lappé whose book, *Diet for a Small Planet,* became a best-seller when published in the 1960s
11.50 That's What I Like About the North (new series): Martin Wainwright gives six talks about his return to his native Leeds last year after 12 years in London
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy:* by John le Carré, adapted in seven parts by René Basilico, starring Bernard Hepton as George Smiley (2) (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Items include the experiences of an unlikely couple who chose an adventure holiday in the South American jungle rather than their usual package deal; a feature on women's reactions to the invasion of Prague and its aftermath; plus a review of Margaret Drabble's *The Radiant Way*
3.00 News; Blind Down the Thames: Play by Peter Terson with Graham Blockey and Andrew Branch (s)
4.00 News
4.05 A Good Read: Brian Gear with guests Stephen Pile *and Sue Limb discussing* paperbacks they've enjoyed reading
4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 My Word: Michael O'Donnell chairs a light-hearted panel game with Dilys Powell and Frank Muir challenging Gay Search and Denis Norden (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 A Musical Evening in Spain: Teleri Bevan in conversation with Spanish tenor Alfredo Kraus (s)
8.15 Journey Round My People: Ferdi Dennis goes on a journey around Afro-Britain, concentrating on leisure pursuits. In the second programme he meets some of those who run mobile discos, many of which were started in the Seventies when they had a cult following
8.30 Rebels: (see Choice)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar: A magazine for diabled listeners and their families
9.30 Questions From the Past: Glyn Worsnip returns to themes of old "Any Questions?" (1) Morality
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Reviews of the RSC's *Oedipus* at the Almeida Theatre (including a review with director Donald Sumpter); *Giant Clichés* exhibition at the RFH; plus new records by country singers Randy Travis and Dwight Yoakham
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Countrywoman by Paul Smith (9 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Continental Cabaret Chansons: sung in French, Spanish and German
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** The Open College **11.50** A Calculus of Fields

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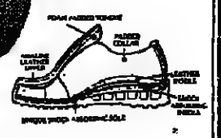
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For a generation the PLO leader has had the vision of an independent homeland for his people — now he must face a new realism

An exile in dreamland

THE TIMES
PROFILE
YASSIR ARAFAT



BIOGRAPHY

1929: Born, he says, in Jerusalem
1952: Cairo University. Diploma in engineering
1956: Reservist in Egyptian Army. Formed Fatah
1969: Chairman of Fatah Central Committee and PLO Executive Committee
1971: Commander, Palestinian High Command; expelled from Jordan
1974: Addresses United Nations General Assembly
1982: Withdraws from Beirut with 10,000 followers after Israeli invasion of Lebanon and establishes headquarters in Tunis
1983: After return to Lebanon, withdraws from Tripoli following battle with dissident PLO factions
1985: Divides operations between Tunis and Baghdad; escapes Israeli air attack on his headquarters in Tunis

Yassir Arafat was sitting in a black plastic chair in one of those high-rise apartment blocks which the PLO used to use for strategic meetings in West Beirut. It was 1980 and there was a power cut. The perspiration dripped down his face while functionaries brought cups of scalding hot tea. Armed men stood guard in the darkness downstairs.

He had talked already for half an hour about why the Palestinians in the West Bank had not risen against the Israelis. They had no guns, he said. They were too oppressed. But he had claimed, unconvincingly, that he would still live to see the day when Jerusalem would be the capital of a state of Palestine, a "liberal, democratic state", as he kept insisting.

But, he was asked, would this really be true? Would Palestine welcome foreigners — journalists, for example — any more freely than the other Arab dictatorships that already existed? Would Arafat give *The Times* correspondent a multiple re-entry visa to his new Palestine? Arafat's face lit up: "Of course — why not?" Then an aide muttered in his ear. Arafat raised his hand. "That is," he said, "if I am the president of Palestine." He had been reminded about that word "democracy".

Arafat's vision of a Palestinian state has always had an ambiguous quality about it, mainly because the different factions within the PLO could never agree on the nation which they wished to create. The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine would have a socialist state, temporarily limited only to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine does not like the word "temporary". Arafat conceded after the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon that he would start a state on even one square yard of Palestinian land. He would settle for the West Bank if that was all he could get.

He had a habit, before he left Lebanon for the limbo of further exile in Tunis and Baghdad, of producing from his pocket an old Palestine pound note, issued by the British mandate authorities in Jerusalem before 1948. "See the names on this note?" he would ask. "One is Arab, the other Jewish. See how the bank note is printed in Hebrew and Arabic."

That tatty bank-note came to summarize a sort of dream, a land that equalled in size the old mandate Palestine, in which Jews and Arabs would live together in harmony under a coalition government. It did not envisage that the Jews should be "driven into the sea", but there would clearly be no place for Zionism or for those who dreamed of Israel as a nation-state. Since Israel already exists, it was equally clear that another ingredient was missing from his dream: realism.

It is this vital but missing element in Arafat's policy that Jordan's King Husain has now decided to test. Instead of speaking rhetorically about "the return", Arafat has to deal — immediately — with the problems of incipient statehood: how to pay a Civil Service, how to maintain roads and hospitals and health care, albeit from a distance, in the face of Israeli opposition and without a real state to his name. When the 451 members of the Palestine National Council meet next month, probably in Algiers, Arafat is going to have to talk about the realities which he has so long ignored. What kind of state does he really want to set up — and inside which frontiers?

In the past, his ambivalence has enraged his more intellectual supporters. One of them recently recalled how Arafat had held a conference of young Palestinians in Lebanon to discuss his future state. What, the intellectual had asked him, would this nation be like? "Ask them," Arafat shouted from the stage, pointing at children in the first row. "It is up to the children — all of them — to decide this question." The intellectual, himself a member of the PNC, retreated in anger from the hall. "It was brilliant rhetoric — but what did it mean? Did he really expect us to go round canvassing babies about what they wanted?"

In private, Arafat admits that the best he can expect is a West Bank state. The PLO's national covenant, the same document which so damagingly precludes any recognition of the state of Israel, is clearly designed for a "non-sectarian" nation in all of Palestine before Israel was created 40 years ago. But in 1974, the PNC — the same "parliament in exile" that is to meet next month — endorsed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Palestinian national authority "in any territory recovered from Israeli occupation". It is this resolution upon which Arafat is likely to lean in the coming months.

Arafat was born Rahman Abdul Raouf Arafat al-Qudwa al-Husseini in 1929 — official documents say in December of that year, although Arafat celebrates his birthday on August 4 — and there are doubts about whether he was born in Jerusalem, as he claims, or in Cairo or the Gaza Strip. After a spell as a school teacher, he became the leader of the youth section of a rag-tag Gaza guerrilla group known as "Al Faoutouwa". He says that he participated in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

He was a second lieutenant in an Egyptian Army demolition squad during the 1956 Suez War, but at this time — by his own account — he very sensibly lost faith in Nasser's ability to restore Palestine to the Palestinians. He talked of founding an independent Palestinian movement with two friends, one of them Khalil al-Wazir — the man who, as Abu Jihad, was murdered by the Israelis in his Tunis home earlier this year. It was after the Egyptians put Arafat on their own wanted list that he obtained a Kuwaiti passport — under the name of "Yassir Arafat" — and founded the Palestinian guerrilla movement, calling it "Fatah". The letters of the word in reverse order mean "The Palestine Liberation Organization". It was somehow symptomatic of Arafat that his brainchild should have to be read backwards.

The Algerians gave it first support, and Arafat — allegedly an *habitué* of the expensive St George Hotel in Beirut —adopted a new, semi-socialist philosophy. He opened his offices in refugee camps. In 1964, his guerrillas staged their first operation against Israel. The Arabs were both astounded and, of course, hostile. And not without reason. In Jordan and then in Lebanon, he treated his host countries with less respect than the non-existent state of Palestine about which he spoke. When he was first evacuated from Lebanon in 1982, he spoke cloyingly about the love of the Lebanese for the PLO. If such love existed, it was never reciprocated.

But among Palestinians, there was indeed a deep affection that manifested itself most obviously when he visited the refugee camps of Lebanon or emerged on to the streets of West Beirut when his army was winning its spurs there during the Israeli siege of 1982. "The old man" ("al-khityar"), they called him — because of his participation in the 1948 war. He understood then for the first time the importance of international recognition, even though he had already made his famous appearance at the United Nations, offering both the gun and the olive branch to the world. Personally, he brushed up his image, learnt better English, understood that to ask questions in reply to questions was one of the most convincing ways of demonstrating independence in television interviews.

Loyalty to his friends was perhaps one of his most admired characteristics, and it almost did for him. When his local PLO commanders fled southern Lebanon before the Israeli Army in 1982, he stood by them, even when evidence of their cowardice was clear to the guerrillas who were now Israel's prisoners. It was this characteristic error that allowed Syria to create a rival movement, composed at one point of some of Arafat's hitherto most trusted colleagues. When asked about this in Tripoli just before his second humiliating evacuation from Lebanon, he removed his hat, revealing his bald pate, passed a handkerchief over his face and said, in a broken voice: "Please do not ask me this question."

His anger was reserved then — as it is more discreetly now — for Syria and for the other Arab states that have, in his eyes, betrayed him. For it is a fact of PLO history that the Arab nations fear the emergence of a revolutionary Palestinian state almost as much as Israel.

In public, President Assad of Syria would speak of Arafat's political mistakes. In private, he complained at the way Arafat always wanted to kiss him in public. Arab leaders, like their Western counterparts, prefer statesmen in pin-striped suits and ties, not in *kuffiahs* with pistols strapped to their waists.

Can he survive the turmoil of his own making? Can he restrain the forces for whom he cannot go far enough? The next few months will be the ultimate test of his leadership. If he heads a real government-in-exile, he will have to focus on the concessions as well as the victories of statehood. Some of his closest advisers have already been floating the kite of Israeli recognition. Now, at the risk of signing his own death warrant, Arafat has to speak those words of recognition himself.

Robert Fisk

The arrival of the anti-gene

SCIENCE REPORT

Australian researchers have designed, built and tested enzymes which could neutralize the effects of harmful genes. In a normal cell, DNA information is carried from the genes to other parts of the cell called ribosomes by molecules of messenger RNA. There, the information is turned into protein. The new "designer" enzymes destroy certain kinds of messenger RNA which carry harmful instructions, and could be used to "switch off" harmful genes permanently.

The enzymes could also be used to attack viruses. Although most viruses — in common with all other living organisms — store their genetic information in the form of DNA, some (such as the human immunodeficiency viruses, HIV, which cause Aids, and many plant viruses) store genetic information in the form of RNA. This means that the new enzymes could work directly on the genetic material of the virus, without waiting for it to be "transcribed" from DNA into messenger RNA.

Enzymes are biological catalysts — they accelerate and promote chemical reactions without permanent change to their own structure, which means they can be used again. Most enzymes are large, complicated molecules made of protein. What is unusual about the new "designer" enzymes is that they are made not of protein but of RNA, chemically related to the messenger RNA they attack. Furthermore, the small size and simple structure of these RNA enzymes makes their manufacture easy and cheap. The equipment to make RNA molecules is already available commercially and is being used in many laboratories around the world.

In the latest edition of *Nature*, Jim Haseloff and Wayne Gerlach, of the CSIRO Division of Plant Industry in Canberra, report their results. They started with long, chain-like molecules of RNA which can, in certain circumstances, catalyse the break-up of the chain into smaller segments. The genetic material of some RNA viruses can duplicate itself hundreds of times from a single circular RNA chromosome by rolling off the copies in a long line from the circular chromosome template. The long line of RNA is cut up into virus segments by the newly-made RNA.

The RNA segments then close up into circles and, when clad in a protein coat, each circle makes a new virus. Haseloff and Gerlach have identified the features of the RNA that enables it to cut itself up so accurately every time, and used these principles to design their own "ribozymes", molecules of RNA that cut other RNA molecules in particular places designated by the designer. Haseloff and Gerlach designed and built three synthetic ribozymes based on the RNA cutting machinery of a plant disease virus called Tobacco Ringspot Satellite Virus.

Haseloff and Gerlach foresee the immediate application of synthetic ribozymes in the laboratory as molecular "scissors", cutting out particular pieces of RNA. Because ribozymes are small and easy to design, they will give researchers flexibility to produce one for every conceivable situation.

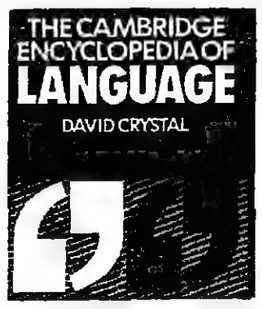
This contrasts with the bacterial proteins currently used in molecular biology to cut up RNA which are large, complicated, and difficult to alter. The ability of RNA to act as a catalyst on itself made research news in 1982 when Tom Cech, of the University of Colorado, and his colleagues found that a piece of messenger RNA in a single-celled animal called *Tetrahymena* spliced out an apparently useless piece of itself. But the excised piece turned out to have catalytic properties of its own, promoting the growth of long RNA molecules from shorter ones. In December 1986, Cech and his colleagues, Arthur Zang and Michael Been, found that the way the excised piece is removed can be altered in a predictable way, so paving the way for designer ribozymes.

Henry Gee

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From Acid House to the Balearics

What is the link between acid and House, between Ibiza and a music that does not exist?

MARK PEPPER



On the House: the dance floor's answer to New Age music, trance dance and acid at the Fridge, in Brixton, London

Every season has its craze. Rick is a Croydon soul boy, still faithful to the once fashionable uniform of white T-shirt and distressed jeans with a two-inch rip up the ankle seam. Acid House is not his music but as a freelance club organizer he knows that this is the acid summer of love and is shrewd enough, perhaps reckless enough, to bring it to north London on a Wednesday night. "It'll last until September," he says with authority.

Tottenham's Websters club, host to Rick's Buzz: Acceed House Syndrome, lies just behind the police station. There are a few punters on the dance-floor who know the form — hands in the air and moving in a convulsive robotic version of Idiot Dancing — but they are outnumbered by the shy and bewildered, some of whom have doubtless heard sensationalist reports of drug-crazed, love-suffused trance dancers and are waiting for the action to happen.

Acid House has been the surprise phenomenon of the summer. It has proved the current maxim that jaded pop tastes are ready for anything if it is extreme and unpredictable.

And what is Acid House? Towards the end of 1985 a few records began to appear in shops specializing in imported American dance music. One of the earliest records, a five-track EP called *Funkin With the Drums*, by the curiously named Farley Funkin Keith, encapsulated most of the essential message of the style. There were no vocals, no chords, no impressive instrumental solos — just an even, relentless drum machine beat coloured by distant nagging synthesizer sounds and random noises.

The following year Britain "discovered" the scene behind these intriguing records. Its home was a Chicago club called The Warehouse where the DJ, Frankie Knuckles, played disco records from the 1970s. Within the flood of House records that came out of Chicago, distinct styles began to emerge. One was the eccentric and predominantly instrumental sound that has been called a 1980s equivalent of free jazz, music for contemplation, the dance-floor's answer to New Age music, trance dance and acid.

As usual, the drug connection was a great exciter of media interest and moral panics. It was a record by Phuture called "Acid Tracks" that first suggested, perhaps erroneously, the connection between the weird hypnosis of instrumental House and a revival of interest in the drug of the Sixties, LSD.

By early summer, the Acid House trend was gathering strength. Although House music has long been popular in the Midlands and North of England, it has been resisted in London until recently. Now, London has once again taken possession of a music and manufactured a trend. With trendiness comes bandwagon-jumping, and a defined, if misguided, style. At the door of Regine's Indy Acid, in Leicester Square, it seems that a uniform of Seventies glitter, post-Goth and Indo-hippy is in its early stages of development. Dressed otherwise, you will probably be rejected.

In June, a DJ named Nicky Holloway started a club called Trip, at the Astoria, in London's Charing Cross Road. The publicity handout claimed that "Trip has it all — not least of which is Cloud Cuckoo Land, situated in the Upstairs Room and hosted by Ravi Shanka!".

Holloway's club followed the example of Paul Oakenfold's Spectrum and Danny and Jenny Rampling's Shoom Club. All of them had spent time in Ibiza and found that exposure to a more European style of DJ-ing, with its eclectic disregard for rules, had led them to relax their streak of British purism and play records simply because they liked them. They christened this rather banal discovery of "having a good time" Balearic Beats.

As a music, Balearic Beats doesn't exist. It is simply a type of record with a certain feeling. There is more sensational, though no less vague ground for observers when it comes to the subject of drugs, because the feeling of Balearic Beats and Acid House is currently being enhanced by Ecstasy. There are differences of opinion as to what degree the use of this so-called "designer drug" has increased, and there are contradictory theories about its possible dangers. In the recently published book *Storming Heaven: LSD And the American Dream*, Jay Stevens concludes: "Ecstasy didn't create insights so much as remove barriers and eliminate the native fear of appearing emotionally clumsy and foolish."

At Websters there are a few individuals who don't mind looking emotionally foolish but their stimulus seems to come from the excitement of the records. One tall, gaunt boy looks in the grip of possession, however, while his friend impassively gazes out over the other dancers. Eventually they storm out. A little later they are spotted across the road outside the Ritzy, a club with probably few aspirations towards mind expansion. Like a Dalek in trouble, one of them still thrashes in his stiff-limbed way while a gaggle of Ritzy patrons look on. Tottenham has seen worse.

David Toop

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Panel poised to allow fresh bid for IDG

By Colin Campbell

The latest — and most controversial — twist in the battle for Irish Distillers Group (IDG) is expected today, when a full meeting of the Takeover Panel is likely to sanction a fresh, and individual, bid for the drinks group from Grand Metropolitan.

The Panel's green light would follow acknowledgement that the bidding consortium made up of Guinness, Allied-Lyons and Grand Metropolitian — which launched the bid through GC&C Brands — has broken up in frustration, after meeting the various hurdles placed in its path.

Ownership of the consortium will now be assumed solely by Gilbeys of Ireland, GrandMet's subsidiary.

The new development follows a re-think on how to take over Irish Distillers after the European Commission's ruling that as a consortium, the three parties would be breaking European Community law.

The Panel, in deciding to bend its rule 35 — that no party may make a fresh bid within 12 months of a failed offer — would undoubtedly cause a storm of protest. The Panel is likely to argue that the Irish Distillers situation involves unusual and unprecedented developments.

GC&C Brands initially launched its Ir315p (262p) a share cash bid for Irish Distillers, equivalent to £167 million, on May 30.

As part of its defence tactics, Irish Distillers complained to the European Commisison, Britain's Office of Fair Trading and Ireland's Fair Trade Commission.

Irish Distillers secured a significant victory when the European Commission ruled *that as a consortium, the* bidding party had ruled out the possibility of a competitive bid.

The Commission also ruled against GC&C Brands on other grounds, though gave the bidders two weeks to reply to its ruling.

GC&C Brands was due to argue its case before Brussels next Wednesday. Yesterday it announced that in bowing to European Commission findings, its bid vehicle would be restructured. Because the original City timetable had been thrown into confusion, the Takeover Panel agreed to extend the last date by which GC&C Brands could raise its offer by one week.

That deadline expires tomorrow. Meanwhile, the bidder had by the second closing date *still* attracted support from only 20.34 per cent of IDG's capital.

An individual Grand Metropolitan bid would need Panel sanction, and could again led to a complaint by Irish Distillers to Britain's OFT and the relevant Irish authorities.

● The European Commission said it would use its normal investigative powers to monitor all new bids for *Irish Distillers, to make sure* there was no further collusion between the bidders.

Mr Peter Sutherland, European Commissioner for Competition, insisted that any merger or takeover in the EEC's *internal market* must take place under conditions of fair competition. "The Commission's intervention in the IDG case shows it can and will act quickly and effectively to insure that collusive practices restricting competition do not take place."

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NatWest lifts credit card rate

National Westminster Bank is raising the rate charged on its Access credit card to an annual percentage rate of 25.3 from August 26. This rate, which is a nominal 1.9 per cent a month, is in line with the new rates announced by Lloyds Bank's Access and TSB's Trustcard.

Barclaycard's Visa rate is to rise to 26.8 per cent from September 1.

Nichols level

Heavy advertising spending and reduced interest on cash balances resulted in virtually static first-half results at JN Nichols (Vimto). Pre-tax profits were £3.07 million compared with £3.01 million. The interim dividend was raised from 3.15p to 3.5p.

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Ward interim

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Shares jump as cash call is postponed



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Standard surprises with £156m

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Standard Chartered, the London-based international banking group, yesterday produced startling evidence of recovery, with interim profits which comfortably outstripped City predictions. The bank's shares jumped 15p to 507p when Standard also said it was not yet ready for its long-awaited rights issue.

The interim pretax profit of £156 million, against £105 million last time, was at least £20 million more than many analysts expected. The result was helped by a large reduction in bad debt provisions, £57 million against £103 million last time, and a substantial profit on foreign exchange dealing of £50 million.

The dividend remains unchanged at 12.5p.

The healthy result, after a disastrous year in 1987 when huge bad debt provisions pushed Standard £274 million into the red, means a strong improvement in the bank's capital ratios.

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rights issue. This would also enable the bank to meet the international capital ratio requirements being introduced over the next three years.

Sir Peter said the figures showed that "the rehabilitation of Standard Chartered as a major banking group is well under way." He was presenting his last set of results before he retires in October to be replaced by Mr Rodney Galpin, a former director of the Bank of England.

The chairman said Standard would launch its rights issue when it was ready. The stock market now expects a £300 million issue in October.

Sir Peter insisted that the two main shareholders of the bank, Sir Yue-Kong Pao and Bell Group, each holding 14.9 per cent, had given their support for a rights issue. He also denied that there was a danger of one of them disposing of their stake. A representative of Mr Alan Bond, who is taking control of Bell, has said Mr Bond did not intend selling Bell's stake for the time being.

Standard recovered £17 million of bad debts which helped reduce the provision *charge. Sir Peter said South* Africa, its largest overseas creditor, was up to date with interest payments while conditions in Brazil also appeared to be improving.

Wholesaling blow pegs WH Smith to £70.6m

By Alexandra Jackson

Profitabilty at WH Smith Group, the high street retailer and distribution company, was hit last year after the restructuring of the newspaper wholesaling industry.

Pre-tax profits in the year to end *May rose 10.5* per cent from £63.9 million to £70.6 million, but net margins fell from 4.4 per cent to 4.2 per cent. Group sales grew 13.8 per cent to £1.7 billion, up from £1.5 billion in 1986-87.

A final dividend of 6p was declared for every 'A' share, (5.4p), making a total of 9p — up from 7.8p the year before. The final dividend on the 'B' shares is 1.2p making an annual total of 1.8p (up 15 per cent).

WH Smith has renegotiated the sale of its 50 per cent interest in Book Club Associates to Bertelsmann, the West German publishing house, for £60 million.

The original sale for £69 million, also to Bertelsmann, which owns the other 50 per cent of BCA, was blocked in January by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

But Sir Simon Hornby, chairman of WH Smith said Bertelsmann had now agreed terms with the MMC.

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Wholesaling profits fell from £17 million to £15.7 million last year. The loss of £40 million of sales from Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International group was a significant factor behind the decline.

WH Smith has now reorganized much of its wholesaling activities. "We have picked up at least £30 million of new business," explained Sir Simon "and improved our position in the Sunday newspaper market."

WH Smith opened nearly five new stores a week across the group during the year, taking the total to 1,482 stores covering 7 million square feet of selling space.

High street retailing profits rose from £43.8 million to *£55.1 million. Do It All, the* do-it-yourself chain, increased its profits from £8.5 million to £10 million. It now has a 6 per cent share of the entire DIY market.

Dollar continues climb as dealers scent interest rise

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The dollar continued to rise sharply in currency markets round the world following its remarkable recovery in New York late on Tuesday after a jolt on the US trade figures.

It opened higher against both the pound and especially against the weak mark as dealers scented higher US interest rates. The Bundesbank and the New York Federal Reserve publicly sold dollars to stem the tide.

Markets initially responded by stabilizing prices, even though intervention was modest. That helped the Sterling Index end the day unchanged from its opening level at 76.8.

But the tide of dollar buying *later resumed, sending the US* currency near to a nine-month high against the mark at DM 1.9150. Against sterling the dollar ended in London at $1.6915 against the previous London close of $1.7210. It continued to climb in New York to $1.6880.

Sterling rose nearly two pfennigs against the mark at one point, also because of interest rate differentials, but ended about a pfennig higher at DM 3.2181.

London money markets were cautious ahead of today's money supply figures, which dealers expect to show an increase in lending measured by M4 of £8 billion-£9 billion.

But currency markets continue to be guided by interest rate considerations as long as they have confidence that the Federal Reserve and the Chancellor of the Exchequer will not hesitate to tighten monetary policy further to combat inflationary threats.

There are longer term doubts, however, because the two strong currencies, the dollar and sterling, are both backed by economies generating deficits and inflation fears.

Dismissed dealer demands tapes

By Michael Clark

One of the two dealers dismissed last week by County NatWest WoodMac, the investment arm of National Westminster Bank, for insider dealing, last night hit back at suggestions that he had been operating on his own initiative.

Mr Russell Kean, formerly a market-maker with County NatWest, denied he had acted on price-sensitive information he accidentally overheard. In a statement issued through his solicitor, Gold, Mann of Fleet Street, he reaffirmed that he had received the information from two separate analysts employed by the company.

Mr Kean and his colleague, Mr Stephen Floyd, were dismissed after rivals complained about dealings in shares of Grand Metropolitan before it announced the sale of its Inter-Continental Hotel chain.

Mr Kean has issued a writ against County accusing it of wrongful dismissal. He is asking County for immediate access to the tape-recordings of the transactions.

Mr Barry Gold, Mr Kean's solicitor, said Mr Kean had been directly approached by at least two analysts at the firm. Neither analyst had told Mr Kean not to deal.

Mr John Chiene, chairman of County NatWest Securities, denied the accusations. "Mr Kean was told he could not deal. The analyst who phoned him knew he could not deal."

Clowes pledges to repay investors

By Ian Smith

Mr Peter Clowes claimed yesterday that no money from Barlow Clowes was missing. He also pledged to repay investors every penny of the estimated £100 million owed to them if he was allowed to regain control of his affairs.

The disgraced tycoon, whose companies collapsed at the end of May, was speaking the day after investors reacted angrily to the news that he was claiming £1,000 a week living expenses.

Mr Clowes said: "Despite widespread beliefs not a penny is missing and it is absurd for anyone to suggest that up to £100 million is unaccountable. People obviously were hugely alarmed to read that investment funds were missing and must have presumed that someone had made off with it but that is culpably not true."

Mr Clowes is currently remanded on £300,000 bail on a charge of perverting the course of justice. From his home in Prestbury, Cheshire, Mr Clowes revealed that he had offered to repay the £53 million invested in Barlow Clowes Gilt management, the British arm of the group, immediately if given the opportunity.

Mr Clowes said that fees incurred by solicitors and accountants, and paid for by investors, were at least £10,000 a day.

Talks start on BAT bid for Farmers

By John Bell, City Editor

Top-level talks are under way which *could lead to a speedy agreement* in BAT's £3 billion takeover battle for Farmers Inc, the US insurance group.

Mr Patrick Sheehy, the BAT chairman, met Mr Leo Denlea, Farmers' chief executive officer, at the group's headquarters in Los Angeles, California. The meeting, the first face-to-face contact at senior level between the two companies since BAT launched its hostile bid in January, is being seen as a breakthrough.

After months of painfully slow progress in what is BAT's biggest-ever takeover move, the British company stepped up the pressure last week by offering to raise its earlier $63 (£37.05) a share offer to $72. But BAT set a 10-day limit on the higher offer, which is due to be withdrawn tomorrow if Farmers is not discussing an agreement by then.

Sources close to BAT were delighted by the outbreak of peace between the two companies. For the deal was bogged down by appeals and counter appeals over the decisions of the nine US states which must give regulatory approval. Before the meeting, Mr Sheehy would say only *that he looked forward to the* discussions. "We believe we meet the basic statutory requirements of the states where consent is still needed."

No statements were planned by either Farmers or BAT. It is likely that discussions will be reconvened today and tomorrow. City sources say that if the two sides are making progress BAT will extend the deadline for its latest offer which is due to close at 6pm California time tomorrow.

The agenda for discussion was a closely guarded secret. But it is certain to contain at least six key issues.

● Farmers has consistently expressed concern over the financing of the offer, largely through borrowings. BAT and its bankers are relaxed about the level of debt which would be involved and have pointed out that the group's strong cash flow would swiftly reduce bank loans.

● It is concerned about the security of its existing management and its field force. Little difficulty should be involved in settling this issue. Mr Sheehy has reassured Farmers that none of its *operations would be closed.*

● The US group is worried about possible product liability suits arising from BAT's heavy tobacco interests which currently account for more than 50 per cent of group profits.

● Farmers has suggested that BAT would withdraw non-smokers discounts on Farmers' policies with a damaging effect on business. The British company has strenuously denied this.

● Farmers' *may press for a higher* offer. The share price represents about 16 times current year earnings per share on current independent forecasts and less than 15 times next year's expected earnings. In London this is regarded as an attractive price should BAT succeed.

● The most difficult area for negotiation is likely to be the "poison pill" put in place by Farmers, which involves a potentially substantial issue of new shares *if a third party holding in the* group reaches a trigger level.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Tomkins share issue attracts 60% take-up

The £84 million convertible preference share issue by Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate, announced earlier this summer, attracted acceptances in respect of just short of 60 per cent of the issue.

Almost all the rest of the 84 million shares have been placed with institutions on behalf of County NatWest WoodMac, which underwrote the issue. Some 2.6 million of them were not underwritten, and of these 1.7 million were not taken up and the rights have been allowed to lapse. Mr Patrick Wilson, of County's corporate finance department, said the result was satisfactory, given the type of instrument used and the 2.5 per cent base rate rise since the issue was announced.

Baynes back in the black

Charles Baynes, the specialist engineering company, has moved into the black after three years. The company yesterday announced pre-tax profits of £563,000 in the first six months of the year, against a £893,000 loss during the same period last year. Sales increased fivefold to £10.3 million. The company said the second half would show further improvements. It expects to declare a final-year dividend.

Dutch bank deals deleted

The Amsterdam stock exchange has deleted all deals done on Tuesday in Nederlandsche Middenstandsbank stock, when its share price rose by 8.50 guilders (£2.34) to 190 guilders in late trading. The shares rose after publication of sharply better interim results almost half an hour before the official bourse session closed. The stock exchange suspended trading in NMB shortly after publication of the results.

Go-ahead for Emap

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission has given the go-ahead for Emap to acquire nine local newspapers from Associated Kent Newspapers, the publishing interests of Parrett & Neves.

The £8 million deal, signed in May, became the subject of a commission inquiry but the report, published yesterday, concluded that the transfer was not expected to operate against the public interest. Some concern was expressed that the acquisition might lead to an increased concentration of ownership in local newspapers, particularly in East Kent.

Bond claims Bell majority

Bond Corp Holdings, which is bidding for Bell Group, said it is now entitled to more than 50 per cent of the company's issued capital. According to Bond's latest shareholder's notice, it was entitled to 164.95 million shares at Tuesday's close, or 50.8 per cent of Bell's issued capital which was recently expanded to 324.85 million shares by preference share conversions.

Citizen plans for German

Citizen Watch Company of Japan will begin assembling machine tools in a leased plant in West Germany this autumn to ease trade friction with Europe and boost sales, a company spokesman said. Citizen aims to increase its orders for European parts, including machine tools, and the company expects to raise the ratio of local procurement to 40 per cent within two years.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,884	CU	320	Laporte	8	Sainsbury	2,398
Abbey	343	Cons Gold	231	L&G	218	Scot & N	2,789
Allid-Lyons	1,339	Cookson	233	Lloyds	729	Sears	5,683
Amstrad	893	Courtaulds	1,415	Lonmo	1,566	Sedgwick	375
ASDA	1,165	Daigety	161	Lucas	26	Shell	572
AB Foods	112	Dee	3,191	Magnet	3,213	Sketa	292
Argyll	2,038	Dixons	2,824	M&S	3,541	Slough	123
BAA	898	ECC	258	Maxwell Cm	740	Smith & N	696
BET	1,099	Enterprise	498	MEPC	185	Smith WH	141
BTR	1,983	Ferranti	2,076	Metal Box	1,974	Smiths Ind	389
BAT	2,507	Fisons	578	Midland	217	STC	49
Barclays	1,473	FKI Babck	1,274	NatWest	500	Stan Chart	2,571
Bass	237	Gen Acc	116	Nmi	389	Storehse	1,142
Beecham	272	GEC	3,370	Nth Food	274	Sun Allince	446
Bemzer	1,696	Glaxo	585	P&O	422	T & N	398
Bernid SW	311	Globe Inv	507	Pearl	352	Tarmac	4,270
BICC	1,185	Glynwed	124	Pearson	78	Tate & Lyle	340
Blue Arrow	7,743	Granada	823	Pilkington	577	Taylor Wood	n/a
Blue Circle	206	Grand Met	1,641	Plessey	302	TSB	1,763
BOC	300	GUS 'A'	601	Potty Peck	2,673	Tesco	746
Boots	4,516	GRE	510	Prudential	431	Thorn EMI	493
BPB	212	GKN	383	Racal	3,719	Trafalgar	113
Br Aero	1,279	Guinness	3,040	Rk Hovis	512	Unigate	371
Br Airways	274	Hamm 'A'	1	Rank	132	Unilever	1,102
Br Comm	269	Hanson	10,210	R&C	139	Utd Biscuits	267
Br Gas	610	H & C	166	Redland	185	Utd Newsp	160
Br Land	515	Hawker	34	Reed	259	Wellcome	356
Br Petrol	203	Hillsdown	228	Reutars	1,208	Whitbrd	262
Br Telecm	17,704	IMI	465	RMC Gp	1206	Williams	3,358
Bunzl	25	ICI	1,822	RTZ	1,024	Willis Fab	97
Burmah	68	Inchcape	314	R-Royce	1,286	Wimpey G	173
Burton	6,935	Jaguar	96	Rothmn 'B'	59	Woolworth	591
C&W	1,318	Lasmo	301	Rowntree	10		
Cadbury	1,884	Ladbroke	1,196	Royal Bank	461		
Coats	1,857	Land Sec	397	Royal Ins	581		

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Stronger Standard seeks way ahead

With an Herculean effort, Standard Chartered has pulled itself out of the mire and now stands tired but safe on firm ground. The message of its interim results was that its capital ratios are being successfully rebuilt and its bad debts are under control.

The stock market naturally reacted happily to the absence of a rights issue announcement by pushing the shares over 500p. But Standard is bound to come to the market fairly soon.

A £300 million issue will cause a 20 per cent earnings dilution and leave Standard on a prospective p/e of about 5.5 — the same as Barclays and well above Lloyds and NatWest. On fundamentals, Standard is still the weakest bank, so the shares do not look a particularly good buy.

There is not even much speculative value to them since a takeover bid looks unlikely just now. Yet the problem posed by the shareholdings of Sir Yue-Kong Pao and Mr Robert Holmes à Court (or rather, Mr Alan Bond) remains.

Standard insists that both are supportive of the rights issue. But does this mean merely that as directors of Standard they believe the bank needs more capital — which it manifestly does — or do they mean that they will support it with cash and take up their rights as shareholders?

The answer is unclear, but the indications from Australia seem to be that Mr Bond is not keen on the Standard holding and would like to sell it at the right price. Mr Rodney Galpin's first task when he takes over in October may be to find friendly buyers for a lot of his bank's shares.

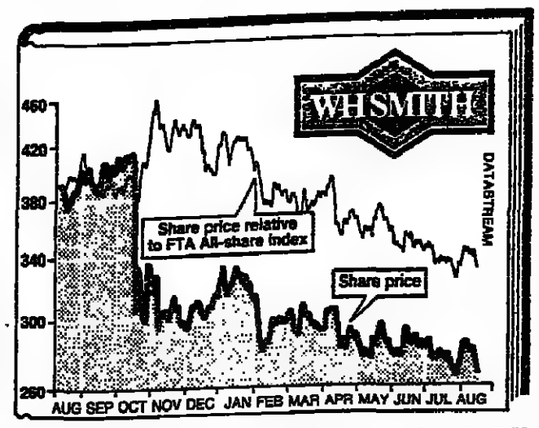
His other task will be to find a strategy for Standard. The bank's whole energies have been taken up in putting itself in order. This is being done with striking success, but Standard will eventually have to consider where next? Its vague ambitions in Britain remain vague, it has no apparent strategy for Europe and 1992, it has sold its US base and looks more than ever to be an anachronism operating in a hotch-potch of ex-colonial states.

WH Smith

On the face of it, 1987-88 was not a happy year for WH Smith given the upheavals in the newspaper distribution business and the consequential loss of profits.

A closer look at the figures, however, shows the group fulfilling many of the strategies outlined for it and an uplift in the quality of retail earnings.

To be seen to be succeeding is even more important for WH Smith than most, as — in the past — it has had a lacklustre and accident-prone image.



Now, the number of genuinely unsatisfactory parts of the group is very much reduced, while money is being invested in others which have already proved their worth.

The star of the high street retailing businesses is Our Price, which virtually doubled profits last year. WH Smith is looking for a US equivalent.

Electronic point of sales systems are in more than 85 per cent of the WH Smith stores and are having an impact on productivity.

Many of the 41 stores trading under the new design are experiencing a 15 per cent uplift in sales as a result.

Paperchase and Sherratt & Hughes — although still small — are expanding, but the fruits of the investment may take time to come through. WH Smith Travel is having a difficult time, along with the rest of the industry.

Do It All has, however, gained market share, although there are signs that a more competitive marketplace is putting pressure on margins.

The North American retailing operation still has progress to make in order to put it on a par with the group's European chains. It is in better shape than this time last year, however.

Distribution profits should mark time this year unless there is a further shake-up in the industry. Magazine business is increasingly important to WH Smith; indeed, if the group was to pull out of newspaper distribution altogether, it could probably make the same profit on magazines alone.

Gearing stands at 55 per cent, or 28 per cent counting the convertible as equity. WH Smith will have to work hard to fund its planned three-year £300 million capital expenditure programme from internal resources.

WH Smith could make £85 million this year, helped by interest on the £60 million proceeds from the sale of Book Club Associates. This would put the shares on a p/e of 10 times.

The group is doing many of the right things, although none of them is wildly exciting. The shares are worth holding.

JN Nichols (Vimto)

To those who come from Vimto drinking areas — traditionally Scotland and the North of England — there is nothing quite like this cola-esque drink for moistening the parts Coke and Pepsi cannot reach. But its life-enriching properties are still largely unappreciated by those living south of the Midlands.

To redress the balance, and to considerable effect, JN Nichols (Vimto), owner of the Vimto brand, has been conducting an intensive advertising campaign both nationally during TV-am's breakfast television programme and locally on Mr James Gatward's TVS television station.

As a result, turnover in the first half of this year jumped 26 per cent to £17.8 million. Sadly, however, TV advertising costs money, and operating margins suffered a fall from 16.2 per cent to 14.4 per cent.

In addition, JN Nichols suffered a significant drop in financial income in the six months to June 30. This was due to lower income on reduced cash balances after paying for acquisitions, lower interest rates generally, and last October's crash which virtually wiped out any possiblity of making gains on equities.

The TVS campaign is still going on, and the company is optimistic that it can build up brand loyalty in the South. One of its problems has been getting the leading multiples like Tesco and Sainsbury to give Vimto prominence on their shelves, but volumes have been strong through cash and carry outlets supplying independent retailers.

Second half profits should see some advance on last year, especially if the August heatwave continues, and the group should make more than £6 million pre-tax this year compared with £5.9 million last year. The prospective multiple is around 12, which looks about right relative to the market.

Russell raises profits 37%

By Martin Waller

Gordon Russell, the office furniture manufacturer that came to the market in November 1986, raised pre-tax profits by 37 per cent to £1.66 million in the six months to end-June.

Mr Chester Wedgewood, the managing director (right) said demand was strong, with order books substantially up on the same period last year. The interim dividend is raised from 2p to 2.4p.

The profits were achieved without any contribution from GA Harvey, the maker of metal storage furniture, which was acquired in June for £9.5 million.

Mr Andrew Holland, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, expects Harvey to chip in £400,000 for the rest of this year, giving total profits for the group as a whole of £4.1 million, up from £2.61 million in 1987.

Russell has spent £1 million on a new factory in Swindon, Wiltshire, the benefits of which should be seen in the second half.



Kunick to expand health care

By Our City Staff

Kunick Leisure Group, which is based in Leeds, West Yorkshire, has expanded its Goldsborough health care division with the £10 million cash purchase of the 52-bed Kensington Nursing Home in London.

At the same time, the group is raising £10 million via a convertible preference shares issue, to be made available to existing shareholders.

The group wants to have 200 beds in London by 1990 and eventually to have half its business in health care.

Kunick's other activities include amusement machines and tourist attractions such as the London Dungeon. It plans to use cash generated by these businesses to expand the nursing side.

Kensington comprises a newly-built home and an existing one on a site covering 0.8 of an acre. The site has planning permission for 30 sheltered housing units, and it is intended either to refurbish the existing premises or to develop them.

Over the past 12 months Goldsborough has bought four fully-operational homes and started building two, while Kunick's amusement machines division has been expanded by acquisition, said Mr Russell Smith, chairman.

Total spending has been £15 million, from the company's own resources. The Kensington purchase could have been financed by borrowing but this would have put gearing above the level the directors thought advisable.

Mr Andrew Geldard, analyst at Battye, Wimpenny & Dawson, who has recently published a favourable circular on Kunick, welcomed the Kensington deal.

"It fits in very well with their stated ambition, which is to build up Goldsborough in London and Yorkshire. It is a lot of money, but you have to pay those prices in Kensington," he said.

HK economy set to grow by 6.5%

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong's gross domestic product is set to increase by 6.5 per cent this year, according to a report published yesterday by the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

The bank's estimate of GDP growth is well above the government's forecast of 5 per cent but almost half the figure for last year.

"This slowdown in growth is partly a reflection of resource constraints faced by the local economy," said a spokesman for the bank.

"The recent economic boom has resulted in an acute labour shortage and rapid rises in wages. The productive capacity of the economy has been exploited almost to its full practical potential. Strong domestic demand has also generated pressure on prices."

The bank estimates that local inflation has accelerated from 5.5 per cent in 1987 to 6.8 per cent in the first quarter of this year and to 7 per cent in the second quarter.

The Crown Colony's domestic exports grew by 23.1 per cent in 1987, but by just 8 per cent in the first half of this year. Exports to America, Hong Kong's largest market, fell by 4 per cent in real terms in the first six months, and the bank estimates that over the full year domestic exports will grow by just 6 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings August 8	Last Dealings August 19	Last Declaration November 10	For Settlement November 21

Call options were taken out on: 17/8/88 Bristol Channel, Blacks Leisure, C Baynes, Porter Chadburn, Asda, Owners Abroad, Raglan, Lanca, Amstrad, Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, BP, Bass, ICI, Chartsearch, Norfolk Capital, Barratts, Entertainment Production, Kentish Property, Blue Arrow, Westminster & Country Properties, Sears.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Allid Lyon... ('488)	390	43	58	82	4½	10	12
	420	23	34	44	13	22	28
	460	8	16	24	40	43	48
Bass... ('774)	750	47	60	70	13	27	36
	800	20	32	45	37	55	60
	850	6	15	–	80	95	–
Brit Air... ('188)	140	33	35	29	2½	4½	7
	160	6½	13	16	8	13	16
	180	1½	4¼	–	23	27	–
Brit Coal... ('239)	220	28	30	37	5	8	10
	240	13	18	25	13	17	20
	260	5	11	16	27	30	32
Brit Gas... ('184)	160	27	30	33	½	1¾	3
	180	10	16	17½	3½	6½	8½
	200	2	6½	8½	17	18	20
BP... ('247)	240	16	24	28	4	6½	12
	260	5½	13	15½	15	17	23
	280	1½	6¼	8½	34	34	39
Cons Gold... ('368)	950	77	110	145	40	62	62
	1000	50	83	120	72	85	95
	1100	21	53	70	150	160	170
Courtauld... ('349)	300	52	–	–	1	–	–
	330	27	57	45	9	16	16
	380	9	21	28	34	32	34
Cons Union... ('360)	300	19	32	38	16	22	30
	330	7	20	24	36	38	46
	420	3	9	–	82	84	–
C & W... ('381)	330	60	68	77	2	7	11
	362	36	46	55	7	14	20
	390	16	28	35	20	28	30
GEC... ('190)	140	33	29	33	1¼	3	5
	160	7	18	17	8	8	11
	180	2	5½	8	22	22	24
GKN... ('323)	300	35	40	46	4	8	13
	330	11	20	26	18	18	24
	360	2¼	9	13	37	41	46
Grand Met... ('509)	420	97	–	–	1	–	–
	460	60	76	80	4	9	14
	500	28	46	53	14	21	28
	550	9	21	28	47	50	56
ICI... ('1018)	900	130	157	–	4	11	13
	950	87	118	–	12	21	–
	1000	48	82	–	35	38	–
	1100	11	36	–	85	100	–
Jaguar... ('276)	240	37	43	–	2	6	–
	260	20	30	40	6½	13	16
	280	10	20	30	16	22	25
	300	6	11	23	30	35	38
Land Sec... ('568)	500	75	95	97	3	7	13
	550	35	48	62	10	20	27
	600	10	23	33	35	43	48
M & S... ('167)	160	14	17	21	3½	6	7
	180	3	7	9½	15	17	19
	200	1½	2½	–	35	37	–
R-Royce... ('137)	120	12	15½	19	4	6½	8
	140	6	10½	13	8½	10½	14
	160	1½	4½	7	25	26	29
STC... ('279)	260	25	34	40	5	9	13
	280	12	23	28	11	17	21
	300	5	14	19	24	28	29
Sainsbury... ('216)	200	22	28	31	2	4	5
	220	7	14	19	9	12	14
	240	2	7	–	28	27	–
Shell... ('1033)	950	83	–	–	46	47	–
	1000	47	–	–	85	–	–
	1100	8	30	45	102	107	130
Storehse... ('234)	240	12	22	28	15	24	24
	260	6	14	20	32	36	37
	280	3	9	–	50	52	–
Trafalgar... ('311)	360	28	43	45	3	8	11
	390	23	36	33	8	16	20
	330	9	18	25	35	35	37
TSB... ('105)	90	16	20	–	1	1¼	–
	100	9	13	–	1½	3½	–
	110	3	6½	8	6	7	8½
Utd Biscuits... ('290)	300	10	16	22	16	21	24
	330	2½	6	11	42	42	44
Ulverscr... ('274)	280	15	27	35	21	27	33
	300	7½	18½	27	34	40	45
Woolworth... ('283)	330	3½	11½	–	58	62	–
	280	26	35	42	3	5	7
	280	13	20	26	10	13	15
	300	4	11	16	28	27	28

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad... ('220)	200	25	34	41	4	7	10
	220	12	20	29	10	14	17
	240	4	10	17	23	25	28
Barclays... ('406)	360	47	47	–	1½	6	–
	395	16	25	–	12	19	–
	429	2½	13	–	39½	42	–
Beecham... ('475)	460	61	69	78	1	6	9
	500	28	38	51	8	17	22
	600	5	15	32	30	38	43
Boots... ('228)	200	30	36	42	1	4	6
	220	14	21	29	6½	11	13
	240	5	10	19	18	21	23
BTR... ('290)	260	23	28	36	3½	7	8
	280	6½	16	23	12	15	16
	300	2½	8	14½	29	30	30
Blue Circ... ('457)	390	70	80	93	2	6	11
	420	42	57	70	6	13	18
	460	15	33	46	23	32	38
	500	5	17	30	52	57	62
Dixons... ('179)	160	21	25	30	2	3	6
	180	7	13	18	9	12	15
	200	1	6	9	28	28	28

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Glaxo... ('954)	900	72	90	120	11	30	40
	950	40	60	90	30	55	62
	1000	16	38	65	60	80	88
	1100	2½	15	–	158	160	–
Hanson... ('139)	130	11	16	16	1	3¼	4½
	140	4	8½	10½	4	8	9
	160	½	2	3¼	22	22	23½
Hawker... ('511)	480	68	72	87	3	6	10
	500	30	43	57	11	20	27
	550	9	17	32	43	49	52
Hillsdown... ('284)	260	32	37	47	2	5	7
	280	16	21	28	7	10	14
	300	4	10	17	18	23	28
Lonhro... ('240)	220	20½	28	–	2½	5½	–
	240	7	17	22	7	11	16
	260	2	7½	11	23	25	31
Midland... ('412)	380	30	42	–	4	9	–
	420	12	22	32	17	20	30
	460	3	7	11	53	55	55
Sears... ('141)	110	32	33½	37	½	1	2
	120	22	24½	29½	1	2	4
	130	14	18	23½	2½	5½	8
Tesco... ('147)	140	11	16	19	2	5	6½
	160	1½	4	8	15	17	17
	180	½	1½	3	35	35	36
Thorn EMI... ('681)	600	73	90	95	2	8	12
	650	26	50	62	9	20	25
	700	4	18	28	44	47	50
THF... ('256)	220	37	44	47	1	2½	5
	240	20	28	32	4	7	12
	260	8	16	21	12	15	21
Unilever... ('453)	420	40	50	60	3½	9	13
	460	13	24	37	19	27	32
	500	3	11	21	50	55	57
Wellcome... ('508)	500	25	41	60	16	27	33
	550	8	22	38	49	57	60
	600	1½	9	21	98	99	100

	Series	Calls Sep	Nov	Jan	Puts Sep	Nov	Jan
RMC... ('453)	420	40	45	55	8	11	13
	460	11	18	23	19	23	25
	500	3½	7	14	53	55	58

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAA... ('269)	265	17	–	–	7½	–	–
	280	10	18	23	17	21	22
	300	4½	9	14	33	35	36
Brit Aero... ('503)	420	90	102	–	1	4	–
	460	55	70	80	9	17	23
	500	28	47	55	28	35	45
	550	10	24	32	63	65	75
BAT Ind... ('431)	390	58	62	65	6	10	15
	420	29	42	47	18	22	27
	460	11	21	27	49	49	52
Brit Tele... ('238)	220	25	29	34	3½	7	9
	240	11	18	23	9	15	17
	260	4½	8	14	34	37	37
Cadbury... ('384)	330	62	73	–	4	7	–
	360	42	53	60	11	18	21
	390	23	35	43	35	29	35
Guinness... ('321)	420	11	23	30	47	50	55
	300	32	35	44	3	5	–
	330	14	22	28	20	25	28
	360	4	11	16	43	43	48
Ladbroke... ('447)	390	65	77	–	2½	5	–
	420	40	53	58	10	13	15
	460	17	28	35	28	32	35
LASMO... ('429)	390	53	73	–	10	17	–
	420	31	54	66	20	28	38
	460	14	42	46	45	50	60
Pilkington... ('215)	180	42	46	–	2	3	–
	200	26	30	37	1	6	11
	220	13	18	23	19	19	22
	240	5	9	14	29	32	35
Plessey... ('161)	140	25	28	34	2	4	5
	160	10	15	21	6	11	15
	180	4	9	13	22	24	25
P & O... ('563)	500	90	102	–	4	8	–
	550	47	62	72	12	20	30
	600	16	37	45	40	45	55
Prudential... ('161)	150	9	14	15	8	9	13
	170	4	–	–	15	–	–
	180	2	6	7	23	24	25
Racal... ('318)	300	34	45	54	8	13	16
	330	16	28	36	21	27	29
	360	8	17	25	44	45	46
RTZ... ('425)	380	53	67	75	7	12	20
	420	32	47	57	20	27	35
	460	13	28	37	47	52	55
Vaal Reefs... ('573)	70	10	13	14	3½	7	–
	80	4½	7	9	9	14	14
Tr 12%... 1995 ('106)	90	2	4	–	19	22	–
	110	1⅛	1⅜	⅜	2⅜	2⅝	2¾
	112	1⅛	⅛	⅛	4⅜	4⅝	4⅞
	114	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	6⅜	6⅝	6⅞
	116	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	8⅜	8⅝	8⅞

FT-SE INDEX ('1829)

Series	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
1700	132	137	150	160	2	9	16	29
1750	83	95	110	122	5	17	27	35
1800	41	59	74	87	14	32	45	52
1850	12	30	45	61	34	58	67	77
1900	3	13	27	38	76	92	97	108
1950	1	5	14	25	125	133	137	141
2000	½	3	9	16	175	180	182	182

August 17, 1988 Total: 27302 Calls 20967 Puts 6335 *Underlying security price. FT-SE: Calls 635 Puts 635

Ultramar confirms gas find potential

By Carol Ferguson

Ultramar, the independent oil company, confirmed yesterday that a gas discovery in North Sea block 49/5 is likely to be suitable for commercial development. Its latest well flowed at good rates of 18.7 million cubic feet of gas a day through a restricted borehole.

The disovery, which has been named Markham, straddles the median line with the Netherlands. Ultramar is the operator of both the UK and the Dutch blocks, having 35 per cent of each.

As Markham is located further out towards the Dutch sector it is far away from the network of collecting platforms and pipelines that serve the rest of the southern North Sea gas sector. In this highly developed region there are already several small accumulations competing for British Gas contracts, and able to lock into the infrastructure.

However Markham is bigger than many of these undeveloped finds. Mr David Black, an oil analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, estimates it is likely to contain about 450 billion cubic feet of gas, making it four times the size of typical small accumulations.

Ultramar said it expected to be in a position to consider preliminary development plans late next year. This would involve building a new pipeline.

There are additional undeveloped discoveries in Quadrant 44 immediately north of Markham, and the operators of these finds may also be anxious to build the pipeline serving this area, as whoever runs the pipeline collects the tariffs. Mr Black said: "Tariffing is big business in the North Sea, bigger business than producing gas these days".

In addition to Ultramar, consortium members in the UK sector of the Markham field are: Elf, with 54.5 per cent; Ranger Oil, 2.5 per cent; Peko Petroleum, 8 per cent. On the Dutch side Enterprise Oil has 15 per cent; Elf, 32 per cent; Ranger, 10.5 per cent, and the Norwegian state oil company 7.5 per cent.

Five Oaks cash call to help fund £26m deal

By Cliff Feltham

Five Oaks Investments, the property group, is doubling its size by buying a portfolio of 28 properties in a deal worth £26 million.

Five Oaks is financing the acquisition by using £24 million in cash and by the issue of 3.2 million shares to the sellers.

Part of the cash will be raised from a one-for-one rights issue of 21.7 million new shares at 55p each. On the stock market, the existing shares were suspended at 64p.

The portfolio — acquired from a privately owned company — is 65 per cent offices, 32 per cent retail and three per cent industrial.

Eighteen of the properties are in the South-east and the Midlands, with the rest divided between East Anglia, the North, and the South-west.

Mr John Watkins, the managing director, said: "This portfolio complements our own existing portfolio, both geographically and in the type of property.

"It affords excellent opportunities for trading and refurbishment, while providing a good initial yield in excess of 7 per cent."

Mr Watkins said every property was income-producing, and a substantial proportion of the portfolio was coming up for rent review.

Five Oaks estimates pre-tax profits of £3 million for the year just ended, compared with £2.1 million last time. It is paying a special interim dividend of 1.25p a share for the year, up 25 per cent.

Sector sees opportunities in electricity sell-off

Private industry lines up to build new power stations

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Many of the 12 area electricity board chairmen are increasing their estimates of the number of small-scale power stations likely to be built by private industry once the electricity supply industry is privatized.

Initially, it had been expected that only a handful of companies would come forward with firm proposals to build power stations in the first five years of the industry operating in the private sector.

However, a surge of enthusiasm from construction, oil and generating plant equipment manufacturers means some area boards will move into the sector in the early 1990s with as much as a fifth of the electricity they need available from privately-run, new power stations.

At least two groups of oil companies have advanced plans to build gas turbine generating stations, using natural gas from North Sea fields which have been considered, until now, too small to develop economically. The probable price British Gas would be prepared to pay for the gas on a long-term contract has kept many small field projects on the drawing board.

But they can be economic if the gas is burned and sold to the area electricity boards, using the existing low voltage grid systems which the boards will continue to own and operate after privatization.

A more ambitious scheme is also under consideration by one oil company.

It would involve making an offer for an existing power station which is earmarked for transfer into the smaller of the two generating companies being formed from the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The coal-burning generating plant at the station has already been dismantled. New generating equipment, burning gas, would be installed and power offered to area boards through the existing high voltage grid network.

British Coal is also looking at taking a share in some of the smaller power stations now being planned. This would give it an opportunity to sell the fluid-bed coal-burning technology it has developed at Grimethorpe, and also to sell coal "down the wire" to a new group of customers.

Mr John Harris, chairman of East Midlands Electricity, said: "I have previously noted that research conducted by East Midlands Electricity has indicated opportunities to meet up to 20 per cent of our future electricity requirements from services other than the CEGB, or its successors, by the end of the century.

"Recent evidence is now suggesting that this may well be a pessimistic assessment. The number of private sector companies interested in smaller-scale generation projects has increased dramatically.

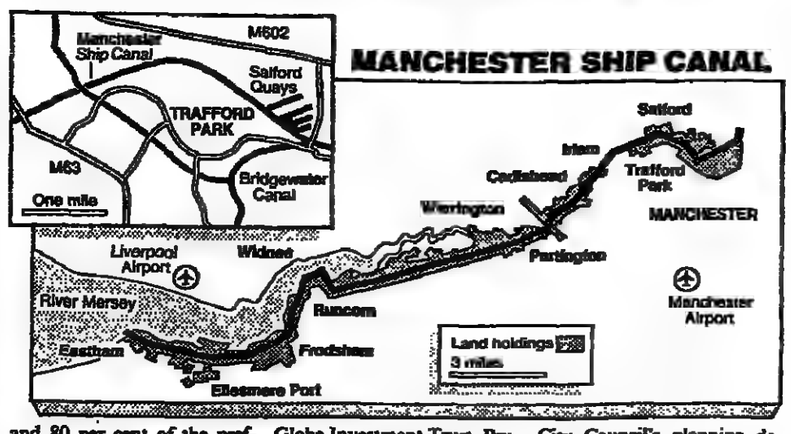
"The new generators will provide the spur of competition but they will also provide a number of other important benefits.

"There will be the provision of benchmarks against which the two successor companies to the CEGB can be judged."

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MSCC shares requoted at £21 after bid talks fail

By Rosemary Unsworth



Mr Nicholas Berry, a former chairman of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, said yesterday: "The Manchester Ship Canal may be a long expanse of rust-coloured water at the moment but when it's cleaned up — as it will be — it will become an attractive place for housing and leisure. All the things people want."

He is one of the minority shareholders, and spokesman for several others, in the MSCC, whose shares yesterday were requoted on the stock market at £21 — the latest episode in the turbulent history of one of Britain's oldest industrial companies.

The restoration of the listing came just two days after the ordinary shares were suspended at £15.00 — valuing the company at £78 million — for talks which may have led to a formal offer for MSCC.

According to Mr Berry, on holiday in France, Mr John Whittaker, the businessman based in the Isle of Man who controls the company, was proposing an offer of £20.70 for each ordinary and £9.30 for each preference share through his Great Hey Investments company. Mr Whittaker controls about 43 per cent of MSCC ordinary shares and 80 per cent of the preference shares after a bitter takeover battle last year.

But Mr Whittaker's tentative offer to gain total ownership, which was worth £120 million and tested through MSCC's adviser, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, met with rejection from Mr Berry.

He is a member of the Camrose family which formerly owned the *Daily Telegraph*. He has spearheaded minority shareholder opposition since Mr Whittaker took over the company.

Mr Berry's group includes Harrap, the publishing company of which he is chairman, Globe Investment Trust, Prudential Assurance, the Water Authorities Pension Trust and the Smaller Shareholders' Protection Association. The latter, 1,000-strong organization is headed by another former MSCC chairman, Mr Donald Redford.

But while the principals conduct a war of words across the telephone lines, the likelihood is that, during the next six weeks, Mr Whittaker through Great Hey, will make a renewed and formal offer of about £30 for an ordinary and £20 for a preference share.

At the heart of the saga lies the attitude of Manchester City Council's planning department. It will decide whether to grant planning permission for the company's Barton Dock site, on the edge of Trafford Park, probably in the next three to six months.

That permission for a 300-acre retail park, ideally sited between several motorways in the increasingly revitalized North-west, contains the key to the offer price; the MSCC's value could reach £270 million.

But without permission the rust-coloured waters will retain the value of a largely-disused canal and not that of a property site.

Unigate in £10m auto trade deal

Unigate, better known for its milk floats, is spending £10 million to expand its interests in car and truck dealerships, commercial vehicle contract hire and car auctions.

Southern Bros, which is based in Blackburn, Lancashire — and holds franchises for Austin Rover, Jaguar and Land-Rover — and North Shropshire Motor Auctions have been acquired.

Agreement in principle has also been reached to acquire the assets of Rydale Truck and Coach, a Volvo commercial vehicle distributor in Chingford, Essex, as well as Commercial and Trailer (Sales), a commercial contract hire business from Stoke-on-Trent.

Runciman acceptance

Telfos, the engineer attempting to take over Walter Runciman, the shipping, security and insurance company has announced acceptances from shareholders, speaking for 9.19 per cent of its target. This adds to the 28.6 per cent it owned before the £31 million bid was launched. The offer closes on Sunday.

A row broke out after Runciman claimed that Telfos's latest circular was misleading. Runciman is believed to have taken its case — unsuccessfully — to the top levels of the Takeover Panel. The dispute related to Telfos's view of Runciman's profits forecast.

Fife declines to £156,000

Fife Indmar, the Scottish light engineering company, yesterday announced a 9 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £156,000 for the first half of the year. This follows a 28 per cent decline in profits for the whole of 1987. Operating profits, however, rose 7.2 per cent to £281,000 on sales down £400,000 to £6.36 million. Fife Indmar has announced an interim dividend of 0.75p, unchanged from last year. The shares closed 2p higher at 63p.

Debt shake-up

Cifer, the USM-quoted designer and manufacturer of specialist visual display terminals, plans a financial restructuring involving a consortium of new investors. Existing indebtedness will be substantially reduced by the proposed conversion of £1.2 million of loans to equity. The proposals involve the issue of 50 million new shares for cash, with shareholders having the right to subscribe for three new shares for every two held.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Exchanging Cambrian hope for hard cash

The Americans are sure taking a shine to Cambrian & General Securities, the curious little investment trust which had a brief burst of fame as the United Kingdom investment vehicle of Ivan Boesky, the insider dealer now doing time as the guest of the United States government. The purpose of Cambrian was to allow UK investors to cash in on what was then thought to be Mr Boesky's investment expertise, but which we now know was merely his ability to cheat. But now Boesky is out with the bathwater, Cambrian is a trust without a purpose, no matter what the articles of association may say.

A string of American interests have built up stakes in the shares. The biggest shareholder is none other than the United States Treasury, which relieved Mr Boesky of his personal shareholding of 12.7 per cent of the ordinary shares and 54.6 per cent of the capital shares after the disgraced arbitrageur admitted to his insider dealing.

But other American investors have piled in, too. The latest is a New York-based financial services group, Leucardia National Corporation, which has increased its shareholding from an undisclosed 760,000 shares to 3.83 million ordinary shares, representing an 8.4 per cent shareholding. The company has been buying in the market and established shareholders have been bid for stock, which has pushed the price up from around 75p when it started to 89p last night. It is only a couple of weeks since a Cambridge, Massachusetts investment operation, Baupost Group, disclosed a stake of 5.2 per cent.

Baupost describes itself as a "value-oriented investment group," but while there is undoubted value in Cambrian there is also unquantifiable risk. But that risk has not put off an old Boesky hand, Mr Lance Lessman, who disclosed a 5.04 per cent stake in the ordinary shares in January, while yet another US fund management group, Heine, is sitting on 8.9 per cent of the ordinary shares and 2 per cent of the capital shares. From Exeter, London and Manchester Assurance keeps the Union Jack hoisted above the register with a 13.1 per cent share of the ordinaries and 6.3 per cent of the capital shares.

From the share register movements, it must be assumed that US investors are more comfortable in assessing the risks involved in litigation in the American courts than their British cousins. Cambrian & General is facing legal action, which may come to court, from parties who feel they were wronged by the Boesky operation. Conventional opinion is that their chances of success are no more than 50-50. If the cases come to court, they could take years as the appeals and counter appeals work their course.

Meanwhile, Cambrian has the use of the money. The stated net asset values for Cambrian shares are 140p for the ordinaries and 195p for the capital shares, which puts the shares on discounts of 36 per cent and 44 per cent respectively. The net asset value should be increased by recoveries from the Boesky funds, while the assets of Cambrian should be protected by the $50 million fund which Mr Boesky was required to deposit to meet such claims.

But, however good the odds, no liquidator could distribute funds while the uncertainty persists. That would give any offeror who is prepared to stump up, say, 75 per cent of asset value a good chance of gaining the board's backing to a bid, letting the short-term holders out with a profit and allowing the long-term holders to exchange hope for hard cash. Leucardia, they say, is known as an aggressive operator...

Profits collapse at CCF

By Our City Staff

Profits before tax at CCF, the financial software supplier, collapsed from £2.24 million to £517,000 in the six months to end-June, in the wake of the turmoil in the financial services market.

But the board said that while it was too soon to say that the depression in the market had ended, the company was now in a stronger position to take advantage of the "inevitable" upturn in business. The shares edged ahead 4p to 147p, the market discounting the collapse.

The half-way dividend was increased from 1.2p to 1.4p. An out-of-court settlement with Banque Paribas Capital Markets netted CCF an estimated £100,000 to £150,000.

AC buys £4.5m hotel stake

By Cliff Feltham

AC Holdings, the former motor car manufacturer which has been transformed into a financial services group, is planning another change of direction by moving into the hotel business.

The company is paying £4.5 million for a potentially controlling stake in Principal, which runs five hotels in England, Scotland and Wales.

AC already has an indirect interest in the business through a convertible loan.

The deal will give AC Holdings nearly 400 bedrooms through the acquisition of the St Nicholas Hotel in Scarborough, North Yorkshire, the Imperial in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, the Douglas in Aberdeen, the Royal King's Arms at Lancaster, Lancashire, and the Westgate in Newport, Gwent.

Principal made pre-tax profits of £250,000 on turnover of £2.9 million for the year just ended.

The company has specialized in taking over hotels which have fallen into neglect and carrying out refurbishments.

AC Holdings, which once made Cobra sports cars, now has a stockbroking business, Douglas Le Mare, and a fund management arm.

Mr William West, the chairman, said the board had been trying to build up its asset base and had decided to create a good portfolio of quality property investments.

"The investment in Principal, with its large property-based hotel business, fulfils these objectives most satisfactorily while bringing within the group a business with considerable growth potential."

AC also announced the issue of £6 million convertible unsecured loan stock to pay for the deal and finance further expansion.

There is a clawback arrangement for existing shareholders.

It also proposed a five-for-one capitalization issue.

Results for the year just ended show profits before tax of just over £1 million, virtually unchanged on the previous year.

It is paying a dividend of 5p a share, the first payout since 1979.

Panel rules take a beating

If rumour and speculation is any guide, the City Takeover Panel will this morning come to a peculiarly Irish decision about Irish Distillers Group.

By all accepted criteria, the consortium bid for Irish Distillers by Grand Metropolitan, Allied-Lyons and Guinness has failed. It has been declared illegal by Brussels and has so far attracted minimal support except from the original stakebuilders, the banana group FII Fyffes. The bid will lapse, and the consortium is breaking up.

This should come as no surprise to the consortium, for it is by no means a capricious decision by Peter Sutherland, the (Irish) EC commissioner responsible for competition. The rules of the game are set out clearly and the consortium breached them. It could even be argued that the Panel should have ruled weeks ago that the consortium bid contravened one of the general principles of the Takeover Code, that before launching an offer the offeror should have every reason to believe the offer could be completed. One glance at the Treaty of Rome would have cast sufficient doubt.

All the indications last night were, however, that the Panel is prepared to bend before the desire of Grand Metropolitan to press on and bid alone, rather than impose a year's quarantine as would appear to be required under the Code.

If that is the case, then the Panel may as well tear up the rulebook and start again. Irish Distillers has been rightly and skilfully fighting its corner for weeks: the least it can now expect from this questionable affair is that the Panel sticks to the rules.

Earl attacks Elstree rescue bid

By Martin Waller

The merchant bank fronting the property investment consortium which bought Elstree film studios earlier this year has hit out at Shield Group, the USM-quoted property developer, over its scheme for a rescue package.

Mr Peter Earl, head of Tranwood Earl, accused Shield and its joint venture partner, the privately-owned Holly Corporation, of attempting to "railroad" his clients into selling the studios.

"They have badgered our solicitors with a stack of phone calls. We don't think they can perform. We don't want to be rushed into anything," he said.

He claimed that at least one of the other unsolicited approaches to buy the Hertfordshire studios came from a reputable firm claiming to be acting for Mr Steven Spielberg and Mr George Lucas, the American film-makers. But no firm offers had been received from anybody, he insisted.

The news came as six of the best-known film directors and producers in the world — including Mr Lucas and Mr Spielberg — pledged their support for the Shield plan in the future, but said they would not be putting any of their money into the venture.

The others are Sir David Attenborough, Mr David Puttnam, Mr Jim Henson and Mr Robert Watts.

Mr Watts is a long-time associate of Mr Lucas and is currently producing the latest Indiana Jones adventure. His last production, *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*, is the latest runaway hit in the US and due to open in this country later this year.

He is acting as the front man for the six. He told *The Times* the six had been brought in to assure Hertsmere Borough Council — which has opposed the development of Elstree — that Shield and Holly were prepared to continue film-making at Elstree and that the studio had a viable future.

The nature of the film industry meant that neither he nor his American colleagues could give firm promises of future work, but Mr Watts insisted: "We will, as and when required, use our best endeavours to make films at Elstree. We have made all our films that have been made in the UK at Elstree, and we will continue to do so."

The Shield Group is to spend £2 million of its own money refurbishing them as part of its bid to ensure they are profitable in future.

The company will then run Elstree as a joint venture with Samuelson Group, the film equipment company, said Mr Jonathan Samuelson, a director. But no Samuelson money has been pledged to the scheme.

Mr Earl, meanwhile, insisted he had acted responsibly in not revealing his clients' plans for Elstree before they took possession from the Cannon Group on October 28.

Film moguls emerge to lead fight for Elstree's salvation

From *The Times* report yesterday

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Whistle is blown on Insiders

Fate can play cruel tricks, even on footballers and City folk. Morgan Grenfell Securities used to have its own football team in which the young bloods could let off steam. That team, I understand, called itself, good humouredly, The Insiders. However, its exploits are all now in the past because not long after the Geoffrey Collier affair, the team was disbanded. Collier, readers will recall, was the Morgan executive who scored an own-goal and was obliged to resign after breaking house rules over his personal share dealings. He was not, so far as is known, a member of Morgan's elite football squad. But one Morgan employee who was a member of The Insiders before it was disbanded, more recently found fame in a different context. He was one David Gray. Those with long memories at Morgan refuse to disclose what position Gray, now departed from the firm under something of a cloud, used play, though one wag suggests that it may have been inside left.

● So he has finally done it. A headline on the Reuter news service yesterday proclaimed "Maxwell buys Univers." It was in fact referring to the acquisition, by a subsidiary of Maxwell Communication Corporation, of the technology management business of University Patents for an undisclosed sum.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Good man at third leg

Robert Brand, the food manufacturing specialist who joined BZW from Wood Mackenzie, has had his new team there further strengthened by the recruitment of Steve Oldfield, the highly-rated food retailing-cum-stores analyst, from Smith New Court. Oldfield is expected to join BZW before the end of the year, with the team now comprising John Parker, who is also ex-Wood Mac and a food manufacturing specialist, and Greville Cater, the food retailing analyst who is ranked second in the latest *Institutional Investor* survey. "The third leg of the triangle is now complete," says Tim Coghlan, chairman of BZW's equities division. "We hope to establish — and not only by way of rating — a much stronger presence in the consumer sector."

Charm school with difference

Businessmen who are shy and awkward when it comes to starting a love affair will soon be able to get professional help. Giovanni Cirillo, a Neapolitan psychologist, has opened what he calls two "seduction schools" in Rome and Milan for shy businessmen — and others — who wish to learn the art of courting. The first two-month course starts soon and costs L490,000 (£220) for 14 lessons, during which Cirillo and a panel of eight other experts teach the art of seduction with the help of 3,000 slides.



"Now they all want £1,000 per week living expenses."

High price

British Rail is, it seems, continuing to sell off its family silver. After selling a number of paintings it is now planning to auction several rare and famous manuscripts. Among these are 50 pages of Thomas de Quincey's *Confessions of an English Opium Eater*. They are stained, supposedly by liquid opium which is expected to push up the price. Indeed Sotheby's expects it may fetch £18,000 at the sale on September 27.

Carol Leonard

BASF in record advance

The economic outlook for West Germany was given a further boost yesterday when BASF, the chemical group, reported a record surge in profits of 18.2 per cent.

The company announced a rise in pre-tax profits to DM1.71 billion (£535 million) in the first half of the year, higher than market expectations. Sales rose 7.6 per cent to DM21.57 billion.

The company said the surge in pre-tax profit reflected the high level of output and capacity utilization, which led to bottlenecks in some areas such as plastics. Stable selling prices also contributed to the earnings rise.

The development of profit and turnover was particularly favourable in chemicals and plastics, as well as dyestuffs and finishing products. BASF expects further stimuli for its dyestuffs area in the second half from its takeover of the latex division of Polysar Energy and Chemical Corp of Canada.

The German economy shows far more resilient growth, both in corporate profits as well as overall economic growth, than previously estimated, according to Mr Tim Plaut, a German market analyst at Warburg Securities.

With the weakness of the mark as well as the recent poor performance of the stock market since the October crash, it may now be the right time to switch into German equities, Mr Plaut added.



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Reinforcing its position as the UK's leading specialist bookselling chain, Sherratt and Hughes opened three stores during the year making a total of 42.

Paperchase, our stationery chain, went on the offensive, opening 6 shops in Britain and 12 in Canada. Our improved performance in Canada sent trading profits soaring by 59% in dollar terms.

Overall, 79 stores were opened or acquired in North America, including 32 in Hawaii, one of the world's fastest growing resort areas.

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With our four point strategy behind us, we're proving that we are a formidable force in the leisure market.

And just as important, we've produced yet another year of winning results.

	June-May 87-88 £ million	June-May 86-87 £ million
Sales	1,661.9	1,460.0
Pre-Tax Profit	70.6	63.8
Net Dividend	9.0p	7.8p
Earnings Per Share	24.07p	21.16p

For a copy of W H Smith's Annual Report and Accounts write to Public Relations Department, W H Smith Group PLC, Strand House, 7 Holbein Place, London SW1 8NR.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Scope of insider inquiries

From Mr Greville Hoyle
Sir, You and I, with many other tax paying citizens, must be shocked at the news by Lawrence Lever that a "Drafting error curbs scope of insider probes".

As an innocent, I had always thought that groups of civil servants of very senior rank (and highly paid) were employed to make sure that Bills were properly drafted. Even lawyers, including barristers, I understood, went through such documents, savouring each word and looking laterally. Have Members of Parliament in each House also no longer a duty to ensure all is as Parliament wants it?

Maybe, therein lies the truth: the Financial Services Act is as Parliament wishes it!
Yours sincerely,
GREVILLE HOYLE,
27, The Lawns,
Gotherington,
Cheltenham,
Gloucestershire.

Budget blow to sterling stability

From RA Ledingham
Sir, Mr Lloyd (letters, August 5) states that "the country needs a strong pound to fight the next real battle – the battle against inflation".

I cannot be alone in thinking that this battle had almost been won until the Government decided to claim victory and distribute the spoils, somewhat prematurely, in the last Budget.

It is the effect of the last Budget, which released large amounts of spending power with no increase in productivity, which Mr Lawson is now trying to counter by pushing up short-term interest rates, in the certain knowledge that this will destabilise sterling's rough parity with European currencies and exacerbate the effect of the weakness of the US dollar.

Unstable European exchange rates promote inefficient excess capacity within Europe, and the CBI are absolutely correct to point out that the recent strengthening of sterling against European currencies will act to the detriment of British providers of goods and services but will help those businesses primarily concerned with importing.

Why should the CBI "thunder" at its members to keep wage cost increases down to the level of inflation? Its members' employee productivity has been consistently improving for the last seven years and no competent businessman can ignore local market forces in managing a wages policy.

It is wrong to cast "business" in the role of whingeing for a weak value for sterling. All that "business," Mr Lawson and Sir Geoffrey Howe have asked for is stability. All would be quite happy to stop waiting for "the time to be right" for Britain to join the EMS. Until that time the CBI are quite right to "thunder" at the economic tail wagging the dog. Regrettably, long may they do so.
Yours faithfully,
RA LEDINGHAM,
Rose View, Hethe,
Oxfordshire.

Clowes and the taxpayer

From Mr Clifford Jeans
Sir, We are hearing quite a lot about Barlow Clowes these days and I have great sympathy for those who have lost money. But there is a lot to be said for the editorial in *The Times* which pointed out that there must be a great deal of greed and ignorance involved in these investments.

If one has £60,000 life savings it is surely foolish to invest this amount in one venture. It should be spread around like muck. Three building societies would keep such funds more secure, and give quite a good return.

However, the point now arises whether or not these investors should be compensated by the Government. Regardless of how incompetent the DTI turns out to be, if at all, it should be remembered that the Government does not have any money other than that which belongs to the taxpayer. Should the taxpayer then have to compensate investors for their foolishness?
Yours faithfully,
CLIFFORD JEANS
20, Parkfield Road,
Ickenham, Uxbridge,
Middlesex.

RPI and statistics

From Mr Edgar Palamountain
Sir, The rate of inflation, as measured by the Retail Price Index, has been rising. To bring it down the Chancellor, applying the classic corrective, raises interest rates. So what happens? The rate of inflation, as measured by the RPI, promptly rises by anything up to a further percentage point. This is, of course, because banks and building societies have increased their own lending rates, as it is intended they should, and mortgage interest is a major component of RPI.

To the lay observer the notion of lumping in the cost of money with the cost of goods and services has never seemed entirely logical. But this anomaly which its inclusion creates is a more serious matter because it must surely confuse and bewilder large numbers of citizens – and, no doubt, deepen their suspicion of official statistics.

In assessing the cost of living the price of accommodation can obviously not be ignored. But any measurement of it, however arbitrary, is surely to be preferred to a system which represents inflation as being aggravated by the very measure taken to correct it.
Yours faithfully,
EDGAR PALAMOUNTAIN,
Duns Tew Manor, Oxford.

Future of Lloyd's

From CLA Lucas
Sir, I read with interest news of potential reinsurance problems concerning the recent North Sea rig disaster, and also of a rush of "names" to resign from Lloyd's. All this comes in the wake of yet another major syndicate loss (*RM Outhwaite*) and the numerous past scandals that seem to have been dealt with rather casually compared to the action taken against alleged misbehaviour in the securities markets.

When will the long-running myth of professionalism and expertise that is Lloyd's of London finally be exploded?

A few days in a broker's office, also spent "observing the market," is enough to convince anyone that Lloyd's of London is the City's least professional, most insular, amateur and lazy market place, manned by people whose lack of formal, commercial or business qualifications is breathtaking only in its absence.

Based on a show of "wealth" that has been dropping in real terms every year since 1968, and with syndicates reinsuring each other in a manner so incestuous as to be downright negligent, Lloyd's must have a limited future.

Any market that trades from 11am (after "coffee") until 12.30 ("lunch") and from 2.45pm or 3pm ("after lunch") till 4.15pm ("tea"), the latter part of the day often obscured by a haze of alcohol, hardly inspires confidence.

When will the majority of "names" wake up to such seemingly apparent realities?
Yours etc,
CLA LUCAS,
Halfway Tree,
Haslemere, Surrey.

'Thought gap'

From E Loewy
Sir, A good example of the harmful "thought gap" between City and industry is to be found in a recent report. Commenting on the award of a £500 million CEGB generator contract to GEC, an "analyst" of Messrs Phillips & Drew says that "it's good for sentiment but does nothing for profits or earnings".

No mention that real industrial profits can come only from manufacturing activity, of employment opportunities, direct and indirect, of world reputation or of design developments. Everybody knows that industry needs profits to survive but one suspects that the "analyst's" profits are only those of investors.
I am, Sir,
E LOEWY,
Swanwood, Highmoor,
Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.

Cigarette makers and health lawsuits

From Mr Thomas Ricke, director, corporate communications, Philip Morris
Sir, A recent report in *The Times* erroneously stated that "Philip Morris. . .was recently sued successfully by the relatives of a cancer victim."

Philip Morris was entirely absolved of liability in the Cipollone case and has never been successfully sued in a smoking and health case. Of the three cigarette manufacturers who were defendants in the Cipollone case, only the Liggett Group, but neither Philip Morris nor Lorillard, was found partially liable. We understand they have appealed that verdict, which as you accurately reported, failed to cover the family's legal costs.

It might interest your readers to know that there have been approximately 300 cases such as these brought since the early 1950s, none of which, with the exception of the small award against Liggett in the Cipollone case, has ever resulted in an adverse verdict for the cigarette manufacturers. There was a revival of interest in these lawsuits in the early 1980s but nearly half of these have been dismissed, five have been won at trial by the manufacturers and some 90 cases now remain pending.
Yours sincerely,
THOMAS D RICKE,
Director, Philip Morris
Management Corp,
120 Park Avenue,
New York.

STOCK MARKET

Takeover hopes spur Marley

That old perennial takeover favourite, **Marley**, the building materials group, provided bored dealers with something they could get their teeth into yesterday as the shares leapt by 10p to 170p, after 173p, in active, speculative trading.

Bid hopes were revived by talk that either Hanson, the industrial conglomerate, or Blue Circle Industries, the cement manufacturer, had been busy acquiring a small holding during the past couple of weeks as a prelude to a bid.

Dealers in the shares admitted that it was highly possible that someone had been stake-building because there has definitely been an unusually high volume of trade in the shares of late.

Whispers in the market suggest that Allied Commercial Exporters, a private company, is on the verge of using its 6 per cent stake in Hickson International, the chemicals and building protection group, as a launch pad for a bid. HI closed 2p lower at 225p.

Further spice was provided by suggestions that all was not well in the Marley boardroom. This came after one broker was reported to have telephoned the company to speak to Sir Robert Clark, the chairman, and received a terse reply that a board meeting was in session and that no one was free.

However, cold water was poured on this theory as it later became apparent that the meeting was a routine affair, although one broker did point out that Mr George Russell, the chief executive of Marley since 1986, could have ruffled a few feathers by recently accepting the post of chairman of Independent Television News.

Buyers were also paying increased interest in the stock ahead of next Wednesday's interim results.

Mr David Taylor, an analyst at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, thinks that the shares represent good, long-term value on fundamentals alone. He expects the group to reveal pre-tax profits of £35 million next week against last year's £21.1 million, with the help of £7.5 million of property profits.

Elsewhere, the rest of the equity market took Tuesday's late recovery a stage further, although volume again left a lot to be desired with 338.5 million shares traded on Seaq by the close.

Investors remained cautious ahead of today's publication of the British money supply figures and tomorrow's retail price index which could provide further evidence as to whether the economy is overheating.

The FT-SE 100 share index, helped by an early improvement on Wall Street, touched the day's peak of 1,832.5 just after 4pm before reacting to close only 5.6 points higher at 1,830.9. The narrower FT 30 share index closed 2 points up at 1,475.3.

Dearer money worries continued to unsettle gilt-edged stocks which drifted down by a further £¼.

Shares of Cable and Wireless, the international telecommunications group, rose by 5p to 380p, after 382p, as the market heard of a significant profits upgrading by Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, the broker.

Because of currency considerations and the fact that more than 80 per cent of C&W's sales are in dollar-denominated currencies, the broker has raised its current-year pre-tax profits estimate from £425 million to £460 million and its estimate for next year from £510 million to £560 million.

This is the second piece of bullish news for C&W's followers in less than a week. Talk that C&W might bid for its rival, Racal, after building up a 2.8 per cent stake in the company, was finally quashed last week when C&W placed its 17.5 million Racal shares in the market.

The near £60 million put in the bank by the sale also served to dispel any fears that the market may have had that C&W might be planning a sizeable fund-raising operation.

Cadbury Schweppes, the chocolates-to-soft drinks group, returned to prominence with a fresh speculative gain of 7p to 384p after nearly 2 million shares changed hands.

Mr Bob Carpenter, an analyst at Kitcat & Aitken, the broker, believes the shares of Boustead, the diversified overseas trader, at 48p, are a buy. He considers the group is a promising growth company and expects the shares to outperform the market, taking a one-year view.

Speculators still cling to the hope that a bid for Cadbury will materialize. General Cinema of the US has been sitting on an 18.2 per cent stake for some time and remains the favourite to launch a corporate move.

Cadbury's shares have fallen from a June peak of 429p, when bid hopes were dampened by news of the group's £175 million sale of its US confectionery interests to Hershey Foods Corporation, the large US confectionery group.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, came in for a fresh bout of speculative buying amid revived bid gossip and closed 9p to the good at 313p, after 318p.

City folk still regard the group as being vulnerable to an unwanted bid and it could become the target of a European predator in the run-up to 1992.

In recent months, the talk has featured bidders such as Deutsche Bank, Union Bank of Switzerland, which already owns the stockbroker Phillips & Drew, the Swiss Bank Corporation, which owns Savory Milln, the broker, Security Pacific, which has Hoare Govett, the London broker, under its umbrella and Lloyds Bank.

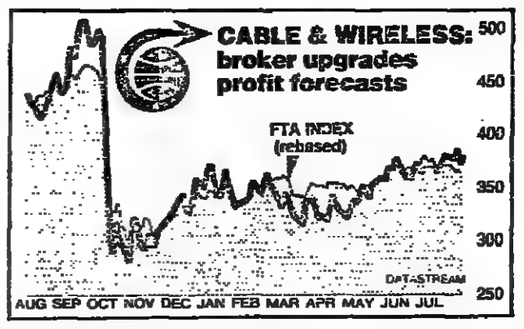
Staveley Industries, the industrial holding company and owner of British Salt, advanced by 9p to 179p.

Whispers in the market suggest that the group is on the verge of making a further acquisition to bolster its vastly-expanding US-based measurement business.

Laird Group, the diversified engineering company, gained 6p to 265p on revived takeover talk.

Laird has been a bid favourite for years and stake-building stories were again doing the rounds yesterday.

Geoffrey Foster



WALL STREET

	Aug 16	Aug 15
AMR Cp	42¾	41½
ASA	37⅝	38⅜
Aetna Life	48	47
Allied Signal	33⅝	32⅝
Allis Chlm	11/16	⅝
Alcoa	48	47⅞
Amax Inc	21	20⅞
AMR Hess	26⅛	26⅛
Am Brands	47	46
Am Cynmd	46⅛	46
Am Ele Pwr	26¼	26⅛
Amexs	28⅛	27⅝
Am Family	12⅜	12⅜
Am Home	75⅜	75⅛
Am Int Grp	60⅝	59¾
Am Telph	24⅞	25⅛
Amoco Cp	74⅛	74⅜
Anheuser B	29⅝	29⅝
Arch Dan	18⅜	18⅜
Armco Steel	10	10⅛
Asarco Inc	22½	22½
Ashland Oil	32½	33
Atl Richfld	81	80⅝
Avon Prod	22⅜	23⅛
Bk Boston	27⅜	27⅜
Bank NY	34½	34⅜
Bankamer	14⅛	14⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	36⅝	36⅜
Baxter	20⅛	19⅝
Beth Steel	21½	21⅛
Boeing	58½	58⅝
Borse Case	42⅞	41⅞
Borden	52⅜	51½
Brist Meyr	42⅜	41⅜
BP	52⅜	52⅜
Brunswick	20	20
Burl Nth	65	65⅛
CBS	158⅜	158
Cms Engy	29½	29⅜
CPC Int	47½	47⅛
CSX Cp	26	25⅞
Camp Soup	27⅝	26⅞
Can Pacific	18⅝	18⅛
Caterpillar	57⅜	57⅜
Centrl SW	30⅜	30⅜
Champion	32⅛	32
Chase Man	28⅛	28
Chem Bank	31⅜	31⅛
Chevron	45⅝	46
Chrysler	22⅜	22
Citicorp	23⅜	23⅛
Clark Eq	31⅛	31
Coca Cola	38	37⅞
Colgate	42⅜	41⅞
Columb Gas	31⅛	31
Cmb Tr Eng	33⅛	33½
Cmwlth Ed	28⅜	28⅛
Cons Edis	42⅜	42½
Consol Ng	35⅜	35⅝
Cont Data	22⅝	22⅜
Corning Gl	57⅞	57⅜
Crane	29⅜	29⅛
Curtiss	n.a	50
Data Genl	17⅛	17⅛
Deere Co	44	43⅞
Delta Airl	47⅛	47⅛
Detroit Edi	14⅞	14⅝
Digital Eq	97⅜	97
Disney	61⅞	62⅛
Dow Chem	82⅝	82⅞
Dresser Ind	29⅝	29⅜
Dupont	81⅛	80⅞
Duke Pwr	43⅝	43⅛
East Kodak	43	42⅝
Eaton Cp	76⅛	76⅝
Emerson El	28¼	28
Emery Air	4⅛	4⅛
Enron	45½	46⅜
Ferro Inc	10⅝	10⅜
Fedders	9⅛	9⅛
Fst Chicago	32⅛	32⅛
Fst Int Bncp	50⅝	50⅝
Fst Penn C	11½	11½
FT Wachvs	38⅛	38⅛
Ford Motor	46⅝	46⅝
GAF Cp	47⅛	46⅝
GTE Cp	40⅝	40⅝
Gen Cp	19⅛	19⅛
Gn Dynam	45½	46⅛
Gen Electric	39⅝	39½
Gen Inst	29⅛	28⅞
Gen Mills	48⅝	48⅝
Gen Motors	75	75⅜
Gen Pub Ut	33⅛	33
Genesco	5⅛	4⅞
Georgia Pac	36⅛	36
Gillette	34	34⅛
Goodrich	48⅝	48⅝
Goodyear	57⅛	57⅛
Gould Inc	14⅛	14⅛
Grace Co	24⅜	24⅜
Grt Atl Pac	40⅛	39⅝
Greyhnd	31½	31⅝
Grumman	21½	20⅝
Gulf Westn	43⅜	41⅛
Heinz	41½	40⅝
Hercules	45⅜	44⅜
Hewlett Pk	45⅝	47⅜
Honeywell	61⅛	61
IC Ind	33½	33
ITT Cp	47⅝	47⅜
INCO	28	27⅝
Ing Rand Wt	35⅜	35⅜
Inland Steel	36⅛	35¼
IBM	115⅝	115⅝
Int Paper	43½	43
Irving Bk	65⅛	65
Jhn S Jhsn	79⅜	79⅛
K Mart	31½	32⅛
Kaisertech	17⅜	17⅜
Kerr McGee	35⅝	35⅛
Kimbrly Clrk	55	54½
Kraft	54⅝	53⅞
Kroger	32½	32⅜
LTV Cp	3⅜	3⅜
Litton	73⅛	72⅜
Lockheed	40⅞	41⅜
Lone Star	31⅝	31½
Man H'ver	28⅝	28½
Manville	2	1⅞
Mapco	55	55⅜
Marriott	26⅝	26⅜
Mt Marietta	39	40
Masco	25⅛	25⅛
Mcdonalds	43⅛	42⅝
McDonnell	63	62⅝
Mead Cp	38⅛	37⅝
Merck	54⅞	54
Minsts Mng	50⅞	50⅜
Mobil	43	43⅛
Monsanto	81⅛	81
Morrednson	13⅜	13⅜
Morgan Jp	35⅞	35⅝
Motorola	45	42⅞
MCR	54½	54⅜
NL Indstrs	6⅞	6⅝
Nat Md Ent	20⅛	20⅝
Nat Semi	9⅝	9
Norfolk Sth	25⅝	26⅜
NW Bancrp	32⅝	32⅛
Occid Ped	25⅜	25⅛
Ogden Cp	26⅝	26
Olin Cp	43⅞	43⅝
PPG Ind	41	41
Pac Enterp	44⅛	43⅞
Pac Gas El	16⅜	16
Pan Am	2⅜	2⅜
Penney JC	47½	47⅝
Pennzoil	70⅝	70⅞
Pepsico	34⅛	34⅛
Pfizer	50⅜	50⅛
Phelps Dod	37⅝	37⅝
Philip Mor	90¼	88⅜
Philip Pet	17	16⅝
Pillsbury	36	36⅛
Polaroid	43⅛	42⅞
Pennwalt	29⅜	29⅜
Procr Gble	72⅞	72⅛
Pub SE Gr	23	22⅝
R Nabisco	50⅝	49⅝
Raytheon	64⅛	64⅛
Rynds Metl	48⅝	48½
Rockwell Int	19⅞	19⅝
Royal Dutch	110⅝	109½
SFE Sopac	18½	18⅝
Sara Lee	39⅝	38⅝
Schlumb	34	34
Scott Paper	35⅝	35
Seagram	53⅜	53⅞
Sears Roeb	35⅞	35⅝
Sec Pac	36⅞	36⅛
Shell Trans	71⅝	70⅝
Smith Beck	45⅞	45⅝
Sony Cp	54⅛	53
SW Bell	36⅝	36⅜
Squibb	63⅛	62⅛
Sun Comp	56⅝	56⅜
TDK	80⅝	78⅝
TRW Inc	41⅞	41
Teledyne	321⅛	320½
Tenneco	45⅝	45⅝
Texaco	45⅛	45⅛
Tex Eastn	25⅝	25⅝
Texas Inst	39⅝	39⅛
Tex Utd	28⅝	28⅛
Textron	23⅝	23⅞
Travelers	34⅜	33⅞
UAL Cp	91⅜	91½
USG Cp	7⅝	7
USX Cp	28⅜	28⅛
Unilever Plc	31⅛	31
Un Carbide	22⅝	22⅛
Un Pac Cp	58½	57⅝
Unisys Cp	32⅜	32⅛
Unit Brand	16⅛	16⅞
Us West	54⅝	54½
Utd Tech	36⅝	36½
Unocal	35	34⅞
Wnrn Lamb	70⅞	70⅛
Wells Far	63⅞	64
Westg El	51	50⅝
Weyershr	24½	24¼
Whirlpool	25⅛	25⅝
Woolworth	48⅞	47
Xerox Cp	53⅝	53
Zenith	20⅛	20⅜

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	17⅜	17⅜
Algon Alum	35½	34⅝
Algoma Std	26⅝	26¼
Can Pacific	22⅛	22⅝
Comnco	19⅛	19
Con Bathrst	14⅝	14⅝
Hawk S Can	23⅛	23
Hud Bay M	18⅝	18½
Imasco	24⅜	24½
Imperial Oil	54⅝	54⅝
Inco	34⅜	34⅛
Royal Trstco	15⅜	16
Seagram	65⅛	65¼
Shalco A	24	24
Tmmsn N 'A'	26¼	26
Varity Cp	3.50	3.50
WCT	16⅜	17
Weston	33	33

NEW YORK

Dow edges ahead in early deals

(Reuter) – Shares were narrowly higher in early trading yesterday as they had been since the opening. Trading was thin, with a volume of 34 million shares in Philadelphia Electric making activity look heavier, brokers said. They attributed gains to an early rise in Treasury bonds.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 5 points to 2,026.51 and rising shares had a small lead over declining issues. Mr Peter Vandenberg, an executive trader at Shearson Lehman Hutton, said that the market essentially was flat with a few features. He said that one feature was Prime Computer, down by 1⅜ at 12½ in active trading. The company said that it expected third-quarter earnings to be more than 20 per cent below analysts' estimates.

● **Frankfurt** – The DAX 30-share index closed 23.42 points, or 2 per cent, higher at 1,182.18. Shares climbed across the board in livelier trade, boosted by strong company results and gains in Wall Street and Tokyo shares.

● **Sydney** – At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries Index was 7.6 points firmer at 1,607.8. The *All-Industrials Index was up* 13.3 at 2,580.61. The All-Resources Index was 3.4 higher at 872.3 and the gold marker was up by 9 to 1,859.7. *Share prices held on to earlier* gains to close firm.

TOKYO

Nikkei up 282 points on calm over US trade

(Reuter) – Prices closed higher in robust trading yesterday as investors reacted positively to the calm response of world markets to Tuesday's news of a bigger-than-expected US trade deficit for June. The Nikkei index closed 282.31 points, or 1 per cent, higher at 28,178.86. On Tuesday, the index fell by 4.74 points in trade paralysed by worries about what the US trade figures would show.

Advances outnumbered declines by seven to five in a solid turnover of 850 million shares against 260 million on Tuesday.

● **Hong Kong** – Shares closed slightly higher with thin trading mainly focused on blue chips. The Hang Sang index rose by 5.3 points to 2,594.66 and the broader-based Hong Kong index was up by 2.97 at 1,712.31. Turnover remained low at HK$508.89 million (£37.85 million) compared with HK$572.42 million on Tuesday.

COMPANY BRIEFS

MERCHANT MAN.EST. (Int) Turnover £7.60 (£1.76)m. The *Pre-tax:* £1.76 (£0.38)m company has obtained planning *EPS:* 6.1 (2.2)p permission for 33 units in *Div:* 1p Beckenham. Other flats sold.

FRANK USHER (Fin) Board is pleased with spring *Pre-tax:* £1.88 (£1.54)m 1989 collections and looks *EPS:* 17.5 (14.7)p forward in anticipation to *Div:* 4 mkg 8 (5.5)p orders reaching record level.

F&C ENTERPRISE (Int) Pre-tax loss for 1987 £0.10m. *Pre-tax:* loss £0.16m The board expects to be able to *NAV:* 38.1 (37.4)p maintain the annual dividend. *Div:* Nil

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

BMSS (118p)	123 +2
Bucknall Aust (110p)	121
Builder Gp (125p)	170 +4
Caldwell Inv	51
Christie Grp (145p)	179
City Gate	308
Colroy (150p)	156
Computer People	188
Conroy Pet	49 –1
Eng O'seas Prop (156p)	138
Erostin Group (165p)	168
European Colour	28½
Heritage (95p)	183
Herring Son (150p)	160
Jackson Group	112
Lincat Group (115p)	158
Lowndes Van.	102
Nat Telecom	141 –2
Optim Gp (60p)	60
Palmerston Hldgs	240
Rockfort	128
Saunderson Elec (130p)	153
Savills (125p)	128
SCRcorp	£18⅝ +⅛
Severfield-R (80p)	93 –1
Sonic Tape (15p)	14½ +½
Steetley	330 +5
Tams (John) (80p)	86
Thorntons (125p)	132

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brunning Gp N/P	5 –1
Durham (DG) N/P	12 –½
Energy Cap N/P	2½
NMC N/P	¾ +¼
Pennine 'A' N/P	2 –¼
Pleasurama N/P	73 –3
Owners Abroad N/P	27 +3
Sindall (W) N/P	10
Union Sqr N/P	16

(Issue price in brackets).

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Do Acc	148.2	156.5	-0.4	1.01
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N Amer Inc	25.41	26.97		2.45
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Far Eastern	222.5	237.6	+3.3	0.00
Fin & Prop	81.6	86.4p	+0.4	2.46
Hi Yield	78.19	82.80	+0.03	4.67
Income & Gth	314.8	333.4	+1.3	4.31
Intl Earnings	180.9	191.7	+0.3	2.82
Int Gth Inc	88.40	94.11	-0.03	0.23
Japan Gth Acc	156.2	166.9	+2.1	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	113.4	121.9p	+0.8	2.68
Preference Inc	134.2	142.1	+1.3	8.60
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Smi Co Gth	294.1	325.8p	+2.7	2.62
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Balanced	416.9	443.9	-1.2	3.25
Amer Inc	27.49	28.27p	-0.31	4.40
World Ass Var	26.58	28.29p	-0.19	1.06
Japan	139.8	148.8	-1.3	0.00
Ster Am Inc	175.5	186.9	-2.4	1.03
Asset Value	321.0	341.8	-1.0	2.91
Overseas Earn	201.7	214.8	-1.8	2.53
Recovery	99.99	106.4	-0.19	2.53
UK Spec Sits	262.5	279.5c	-0.5	2.59
Smlr Co	170.0	181.0p	-0.9	2.23
Capital	253.0	269.0	-1.4	2.53
Amer Spec Sit	60.57	64.91	-0.79	1.53
International	91.01	96.92p	-0.69	1.02
Growth & Inc	151.4	161.2	-0.5	3.51
Euro Gth	141.2	150.3	-0.7	1.44
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Equity Inc	69.28	73.51	+0.34	5.20
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Exempt Tst	67.34	58.82p	-0.71	3.10
Growth & Inc	75.72	80.35p	+0.39	2.22
Do Acc	119.5	127.0p	+0.6	2.20
Global Gth	62.28	66.08	+0.06	0.00
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Japan Smlr Co	162.0	163.9	+1.7	0.00
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Do Inc	180.9	205.9	+0.6	1.59
High Income	72.55	83.83	+0.1	5.75
Income	98.92	102.4	+0.29	5.30
Man Portfl Inc	89.11	95.13p	+2.67	2.82
Do Acc	151.4	161.6p	+3.3	2.82
Nth American	45.08	48.14	+0.05	0.30
Orient	106.1	113.7	-0.9	0.28
Exempt	274.7	288.8	+0.4	2.78
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European	39.84	42.39	-0.08	1.26
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Income	348.7	368.9	..	5.19
Intl Sp Sits	49.05	52.34	..	1.98
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Equity Hi Inc	58.42	61.66	+0.25	4.89
Do Acc	58.29	62.48	+0.26	4.89
European Gth	24.83	26.34	+0.13	1.64
Gen Equity	48.28	52.01	+0.24	2.85
Gilt Interst Gth	32.75	34.38	+0.04	7.57
Gilt & Fixed Int	24.33	25.76	+0.05	8.53
Hi Income	52.88	24.05	+0.24	5.72
Japan Gth	47.63	50.40	+1.28	0.00
Prefernce Shr	20.03	21.58	+0.15	2.25
Special Sits	36.90	39.15	+0.16	2.82
Assurance s				
Hm Inv WP Sp	97.0	102.1	+0.1	..
Hm Inv WP Sp	97.0	102.1	+0.1	..

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 9818

Uk & Gen Inc	53.09	56.48	-0.05	3.55
Do Acc	55.31	58.84	-0.10	2.58
Income Inc	54.97	58.48	-0.05	3.55
Do Acc	57.68	61.36	-0.10	2.58
Worldwide Inc	44.88	47.74p	-0.44	0.51
Do Acc	44.71	47.82p	-0.45	0.51
Gamma Inc	36.57	38.90	-0.26	0.87
Do Acc	36.73	39.07	-0.26	0.87
Amer Gth	49.41	52.55	-1.15	0.72
Euro Gth	53.77	57.20	-0.41	0.84
Far East	63.92	67.99	-0.60	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	47.68	50.23	-0.04	8.15
World Bond	47.39	50.14	-0.19	5.52
Private Inv Pf	46.98	49.81	-0.13	3.22
Profess Inv Pf	49.50	52.65	-0.29	3.22
Progres Inv Pf	49.50	52.66	-0.29	1.16

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5933

Amer Tst	101.7	110.0	+1.4	0.75
Canadian Gth	19.98	21.65	+0.05	1.02
European Tst	94.13	100.4	+0.29	1.01
Growth Tst	262.2	279.7e	+1.0	2.73
High Income	331.0	338.1	+0.8	5.50
Intl Tech Tst	107.8	115.0	-0.2	0.70
Investment	25.95	28.29	-0.05	0.71
Japanese Tst	28.13	30.00	-0.1	0.00
Main Inv	27.45	29.30	+0.66	2.56

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Hedgate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 07384 66666

European Gth	50.80	54.47	-0.08	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	37.8	40.6	..	3.00
International	46.56	49.70	+0.09	5.20
N Amer Gth	41.10	43.89	+0.1	1.70
Pacific Gth	58.75	62.82	-0.09	4.80
UK Gth Acc	58.03	73.66	+0.15	2.50
Do Dist	65.72	71.16	+0.15	2.50
UK Income	58.86	63.00	+0.13	5.80

EFN UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Nightrib Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 585858

American Fd	58.17	61.81	+0.71	1.98
Capital Fd	135.2	143.6	+0.8	1.39
Convertible	24.36	25.88	+0.07	7.63
Eurofund	23.24	24.67	+0.07	1.52
Growth & Inc	180.2	191.5p	+1.3	3.22
High Dist Fd	151.5	161.0	+1.1	4.97
International	207.1	220.0	+1.8	1.02
Pacific Fd	25.85	27.47	+0.44	0.00
Recovery Fd	22.91	24.34	+0.07	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	43.71	46.34	+0.31	0.00
Tokyo Fd	200.7	212.8	+2.5	0.00
Ex Amer 2	118.9	119.0	..	1.92
Ex Japan 3	91.1	96.8	+0.1	0.00
Ex Smlr Jap 4	284.1	294.7	..	0.22
Ex Smlr Jap 4	248.0	262.0	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311

UK Balan Inc	82.82	87.87	+0.14	2.78
Do Acc	97.12	102.46	..	2.78
UK Gth Acc	124.5	132.1	..	2.07
UK High Inc	94.63	100.4	..	4.39
N Amer Acc	60.85	65.01e	..	1.07
Far East Acc	117.4	125.2e	..	0.61
European Acc	69.28	73.99e	..	1.40
UK Gt/Fi Inc	55.60	58.66	..	6.57
Do Acc	64.79	68.12	..	7.63
Int Spec Sits	58.08	60.89	..	1.64

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admiral Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3JB Tel: 0708 58844
Endurance 118.1 125.6 .. 1.88

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 481480

Equit Pelican	92.85	98.78	-0.09	3.75
High Income	99.19	105.5	-0.06	4.63
Gt/Fxd Interst	51.19	54.37e	-0.07	7.54
Tst Of Inv Trs	84.91	90.27e	-0.11	3.45
Spec Sits Tst	103.3	109.9	-0.36	2.15
Nth Amer Tst	95.81	99.17	-1.54	1.50
Far East Tst	115.3	122.7e	+1.76	0.53
Int Gth	93.50	99.65	-0.73	1.85
European Tst	98.60	42.13	-0.54	1.89

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1HG Tel: 0203 553231

Uk Gth Acc	177.8	189.2	+0.8	3.47
Do Inc	147.4	156.9	+0.4	3.47
Higher Inc Acc	252.6	268.8	+1.4	4.83
Do Inc	251.2	267.3	+1.1	4.83

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gues & Fxd Acc	111.3	116.9	-0.2	8.93
Do Inc	83.30	87.55	-0.13	8.93
N Amer Acc	114.2	121.5	-1.1	0.10
Far East Acc	212.6	226.2	+2.0	0.09
Euro Tst Acc	131.1	139.5	+0.7	0.44
Gen Tst	254.6	275.2	+0.7	3.76
Ben Excell	36.36	42.63	+0.10	2.96
Br Fornos Inc	49.61	52.99	+0.05	5.17
Do Acc	49.81	52.99	+0.09	5.17

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

American	100.3	106.3	+1.5	0.79
Amer Eqty Inc	27.39	29.28e	+0.25	6.45
Amer Spec Sit	51.05	54.05	+0.53	0.12
Australian	29.99	31.90	+0.15	1.35
European	36.67	60.32	+0.23	..
European Inc	20.24	21.57e	+0.12	4.37
Global Conv	26.58	28.28	+0.01	5.49
Far East Inc	38.81	40.90	+0.32	3.56
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.23	29.47e	..	9.55
Growth & Inc	114.1	122.4	+1.0	4.70
Japan Spec Sit	71.39	75.87	+0.67	..
Japan	167.2	177.8e	+1.5	..
Managed Inst	125.0	133.7	+1.5	0.30
Pacific	71.36	75.89	+0.67	0.30
Famous Name	40.49	43.43e	+0.09	2.47
SE Asia	41.88	44.69	+0.23	0.87
Spec Sit	26.65	28.29	+1.1	0.85
Eastern Opps	23.59	25.09	+0.15	0.00
Intl Bond	84.16	25.58e	+0.06	7.43
Recovery	29.13	31.24	+0.14	2.30
Moneybuilder	25.86	27.46e	+0.04	6.89

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181

Amer Smlr Cos	171.4	180.9e	+1.0	..
Do Acc	173.1	184.9e	+1.1	..
Amer Trust Inc	186.1	197.1	+1.6	..
Do Acc	205.4	216.7	+1.6	..
Capital Inc	274.8	290.0	+0.6	2.18
Do Acc	340.7	359.5	+0.7	2.18
Commodities	101.7	107.3	+0.4	2.89
Do Acc	152.0	160.4	-0.1	0.89
European Inc	85.19	58.24	+0.21	1.08
Do Acc	85.19	58.24	+0.21	1.08
Extra Inc Inc	243.4	256.8e	+0.5	4.32
Do Acc	279.6	295.0e	+0.3	4.32
Financial Acc	44.87	47.14	+0.33	1.03
Do Inc	44.29	46.71	+0.33	1.03
Income Tst	166.6	176.0	+0.6	4.09
Do Acc	186.5	196.8	+0.6	4.09
Ind Growth Fd	143.1	151.0	+0.8	..
Do Acc	143.1	151.0	+0.8	..
Japan/Gen Inc	124.3	131.1	+1.8	..
Do Acc	125.6	132.5	+1.9	..
Monthly Inc Fd	128.7	135.8e	+0.5	4.29
PEP 87	63.39		-0.06	2.54
PEP 88	56.67	59.80	..	2.38
Recovery	183.2	193.3e	+0.7	1.31
Do Acc	202.4	213.6e	+0.8	1.31
Smaller Inc	60.09	63.41	+0.15	2.29
Do Acc	66.37	63.71	+0.16	2.29

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411622

Equity Dist	236.5	250.7	+0.83	2.75
Do Acc	412.3	437.0	+1.45	2.75
Euro Gth Dist	55.14	58.50e	+0.17	0.58
Do Acc	55.46	58.84e	+0.17	0.58
Fxd Interest Di	113.9	120.1	+0.33	7.77
Do Acc	149.8	157.9	+0.43	7.77
Int Gth Dist	245.5	57.67	+0.45	0.60
Do Acc	54.67	58.01	+0.44	0.60
Nth Amer Dist	111.8	118.5e	+1.06	1.48
Do Acc	114.3	121.2e	+1.07	1.48
Pension Dist	185.1	197.0e	+1.80	0.00
Steward Dist	241.0	256.5	+0.35	1.46
Do Acc	254.0	270.3	+0.37	1.46
Stewardship Inc Dr	48.48	66.04e	+0.96	3.80
Do Acc	60.78	64.42e	-0.03	3.80
N Am Steel Di	53.06	56.46e	+0.45	0.07
Do Acc	54.32	57.58e	+0.45	0.07

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Sp Sits	54.57	58.07	+0.06	0.47
UK Cap Inc	129.4	138.4p	+0.3	3.13
Do Acc	193.6	207.3	+0.5	3.13
Do Spec Sits	53.12	56.82	..	1.00
Income Fd	96.02	102.7	+1.07	6.43
International	158.5	167.5	+0.9	0.28
US & General	42.44	45.37	+0.50	0.99
Japan & Gen	306.9	328.2	+0.9	0.25
Far East Gen	172.7	184.7	+1.9	0.24
European Gen	89.28	72.99e	+1.9	0.24
Germany Fd	52.01	55.48	-0.30	1.71
Intl Inc Fd	48.99	50.28	+0.39	6.24
Hi Income Fd	98.61	63.71e	+0.30	7.85
Growth & Inc	51.53	55.11	+0.29	3.44
Japan Spec Sit	51.24	54.81	+0.34	0.44
Managed Int	45.93	50.20	+0.34	2.44

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Garbrae House, 16-19 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1213 Dealing: 01-236 3863 Service: 0800 289336

UK Gth Tsts				
Growth Acc	69.29	73.79e	+0.31	2.74
Do Dist	58.76	62.57e	+0.26	3.74
Chair UK Gth	24.85	26.34	+0.16	2.23
Main Expt	27.2	28.77	+0.18	2.50
Pract Inv Inc	67.21	71.91	-0.04	3.50
Do Acc	125.8	134.6	-0.09	3.50
Spec Sits	107.2	114.7	+0.20	0.57
UK Sit Opps	62.97	67.37	+0.14	1.15
UK Smlr Cos	108.2	116.0	+0.16	1.15
Income Tsts				
Extra Inc	60.45	64.81	+0.13	6.33
Fxd Interest	29.98	35.19e	+0.02	9.52
High Income	32.25	33.49e	+0.16	5.23
Income	99.83	107.0e	+0.40	4.10
Int Fxd Int	23.63	25.05	+0.03	7.90
International Tsts				
Common Shrs	59.07	63.06	+0.25	1.36

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fromer Mkts	25.59	27.48	-0.01	0.36
Global	156.7	167.3	+1.48	0.74
Do Dist	148.6	158.6	+1.41	0.74
Glob Inc/Gth	70.56	75.25	-0.09	3.05
Gold Share	15.55	16.59	+0.02	1.92
Intl Sel Opps	110.3	117.7e	+0.51	0.95
Oil & Energy	45.76	48.84	+0.04	2.12
Wrldw Recov	90.4	96.5	+0.2	0.72
Overseas Tsts				
American	63.65	68.31	+1.23	1.31
Amer Sel Opp	27.31	29.14	+0.20	0.34
Australian	19.69	17.82	+0.26	1.73
European	44.62	47.97	+0.41	1.16
Euro Sel Opp	56.36	59.74e	+0.27	0.95
Far East	130.9	139.8	+1.06	0.14
Hedged Amer	30.11	32.07	+0.31	0.50
Hong Kong	31.91	34.06	+0.29	1.76
Japan	132.7	142.0	+1.58	0.00
Japan Sp/Opp	72.2	76.8	-0.9	0.00
Pacific Gth	51.88	55.52	+0.17	0.97

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7879
Dealing:01-568 0588

Intl Gth	91.40	97.23	-0.17	1.09
American Gth	59.49	63.28	+0.66	1.01
Australian	56.27	59.87	+0.80	0.97
European Gth	46.16	49.10e	+0.13	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	48.04	51.10e	+0.04	0.68
Japan Gth	84.57	90.00	+0.80	0.00
Pacific Inc	87.50	93.08e	+0.61	3.86
Pacific Sprst	46.13	51.20	+0.32	0.41
UK Prog Inc	74.81	79.58	+0.46	4.46
UK Special Opps	72.04	76.64	+0.40	0.70
Gt Britain	33.26	40.70	+0.19	3.23
Uk Smr Co	39.36	41.77e	+0.15	1.90

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9969

Gilt Fxd Interest	118.5	121.1e	-0.2	9.21
Gth Equity	251.9	266.5	+0.5	2.42
Guardhill	326.2	338.0e	+2.0	2.95
Incpense Tst	56.02	101.6	+0.35	6.45
Intl Tst	110.2	115.6	+1.3	0.38
N American	122.8	129.9	+0.2	1.48
Pacific	127.9	135.7	+0.7	0.25
Prop Shares	375.7	397.5e	-1.6	1.75
Smaller Co	300.5	317.9	-0.4	1.70
Euro Gth Tst	44.10	48.75e	-0.05	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Advsrs: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261818

American Tst	55.35	58.73	+0.60	0.82
Canadian Tst	44.69	47.42	+0.58	1.08
Equity Income	103.1	109.4	+0.2	5.47
European Tst	81.40	86.37	+0.35	0.83
Exempt Income	98.87	104.9	+0.05	5.47
Ind Sits Tst	51.15	54.57e	+0.30	0.51
Japan/F East	127.7	135.5	+0.8	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	54.57	57.90	+0.79	0.00
Recovery Ass	65.18	69.53e	+0.16	1.81
Scandinavian	71.71	76.09	+0.82	0.85
Smlr Co	35.78	38.05	+0.62	2.21
UK New Gen	39.88	42.43e	-0.01	1.32

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten House Chelsea MK14 4JF Tel: 0908 834313

Extra Income	205.6	218.7	+0.80	3.23
Do Acc	364.9	409.5	+1.48	3.23
Gen Inv Gt	31.77	33.71	+0.08	0.74
Do Acc	32.04	34.00	+0.08	0.74
Emerg Ind	113.0	120.6	+0.42	0.00
Do Acc	69.99	71.26e	+0.16	2.50
Extra Income	198.5	200.5	+0.55	5.28
Do Acc	366.7	414.7	+0.98	5.28
General Gt	51.16	54.28	-0.35	0.74
Do Acc	51.93	55.10	-0.35	0.74
Income	327.3	348.2	+1.40	4.61
Do Acc	688.1	732.0	+2.94	4.61
Int Tech	179.7	191.2	+2.79	0.35
Do Acc	189.9	201.0	+2.93	0.35
Japan Gth	103.4	109.8	+1.08	0.01
Global Health	101.2	107.5	+0.64	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	60.55	64.92	+0.35	4.81
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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Bailey (Ben) Constr	Building,Roads	
2	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
3	Cadbury-Schwp (aa)	Foods	
4	Citygrove	Property	
5	Hunterprint	Paper,Print,Adv	
6	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
7	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
8	Williams Hldgs (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
9	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
10	Lon Int'l	Industrials L-R	
11	Rush & Tompkins	Property	
12	Fletcher King	Property	
13	TT	Industrials S-Z	
14	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
15	Reckitt Colman (aa)	Industrials L-R	
16	Quicks Group	Motors,Aircraft	
17	Kentish Prop	Property	
18	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
19	Steetley	Building,Roads	
20	Laird	Industrials L-R	
21	Priest Marians	Property	
22	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
23	Southend Prop	Property	
24	Wolseley	Industrials S-Z	
25	Trusthouse Ft (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
26	Fitch Lovell	Foods	
27	Slough Estates (aa)	Property	
28	Glaxo (aa)	Industrials E-K	
29	Copson PLC	Building,Roads	
30	Dyson (J&J)	Industrials A-D	
31	Mitel	Electricals	
32	Crest Nicholson	Building,Roads	
33	Camford Eng	Industrials A-D	
34	Gr Portland	Property	
35	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
36	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
37	RHM (aa)	Foods	
38	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
39	Barclays (aa)	Banks,Discount	
40	Office Elect Mach	Industrials L-R	
41	Chemring	Industrials A-D	
42	Staveley	Industrials S-Z	
43	Eng Chins Clay (aa)	Industrials E-K	
44	Watmoogh	Paper,Print,Adv	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yield%	Gross Red. yield%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
100⅛	99⅞	Treas 9¼%	99⅝		9.83	10.584
102⅛	94⅛	Treas 11¼% 1989	100⅝		11.4	10.809
101⅛	96⅝	Treas 10¼%	99⅝		10.5	10.743
102	95⅛	Exch 10% 1989	99⅝		10.0	10.738
104⅛	98⅛	Exch 10½% 1989	100⅝		10.2	10.322
103⅝	100⅛	Exch 11⅝ 1989	100⅝		10.9	10.748
97¼	95	Treas 9% 1990-92	96		9.38	9.382
101⅛	98	Treas C 9¾% 1990	99¼		9.66	10.853
97⅜	95⅝	Treas 9%	96⅝		9.31	9.137
101⅛	95⅛	Treas 9¾ 1990	97⅝		9.71	9.343
102⅛	96⅜	Treas 10% 1990	100⅛		9.98	10.350
104⅛	97⅜	Treas C 10¾% 1991	102⅝		10.4	10.364
107⅜	99⅛	Exch 11¼% 1991	107⅛		11.4	10.408
95⅛	91¼	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	91¼		6.3	9.471
107⅛	101⅛	Exch 11% 1991	101¾		10.8	10.312
90⅝	87⅞	Treas 8%	87⅞		9.4	9.198
98⅜	92⅝	Treas 8¾% 1991	92⅝		8.6	10.273
113⅛	104⅝	Conv 12¾% 1992	108¾		11.8	10.268
104⅞	98	Treas 9¾% 1992	100		10.0	10.305
106¾	100⅝	C10¾% 1992	103⅝		10.4	10.345
98⅝	92⅝	Treas 8¾% 2004	95⅝		9.6	10.356
112⅜	106	Exch 12¾% 1992	108⅝		11.5	10.344
117⅜	108⅜	Exch 13¾% 1992	116⅜			10.386
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
95⅝	88	Treas 8¾% 1993	88⅜		8.8	10.541
108⅝	98⅛	Treas 10% 1993	100⅛		10.0	10.208
113⅝	103⅝	Treas 12¼% 1993	103⅝		11.8	10.228
121⅛	112⅜	Treas 13¾% 1994	113⅜		12.0	10.233
97⅞	89⅜	Treas 8½% 1994	89⅝		9.1	10.224
124⅛	112	Treas 14¼% 1994	117⅜		12.2	10.156
116⅝	103⅝	Exch 12¾% 1994	113⅝		11.8	10.337
101⅜	94⅛	Treas 9¾% 1994	96⅝		9.4	10.037
105⅝	96⅛	Treas 10% 1994	100⅝		10.0	10.138
114⅛	103⅝	Treas 12% 1995	107⅝		11.1	10.254
88¾	78⅝	Conv 9% 1990-95	82¾		3.84	5.285
106⅞	98	Exch 10¾% 1995	100⅝		10.1	10.139
120⅛	112⅜	Treas 12¾% 1995	113⅜		11.2	10.177
126⅛	116⅛	Treas 14% 1995	118⅝		11.7	10.316
95⅛	86⅜	Treas 9% 1995-98	95⅝		9.4	9.587
123⅛	112⅝	Treas 13% 1996	120		12.0	10.355
123⅝	115⅛	Exch 13¾% 1996	119⅝		11.4	10.175
99⅜	93⅜	Rdmp 3% 1986-96	98⅝			
108⅝	98⅜	Conv 10% 1997	107⅝		10.0	10.069
124⅛	113⅜	Treas 12¾% 1997	117⅜		11.3	10.149
108⅛	97⅛	Exch 10¾% 1997	102¼		10.2	10.087
98⅞	89⅜	Treas 9¾% 1997	95⅝		9.5	9.921
134⅛	127	Exch 13¾% 1997	127⅝		11.7	10.300
97⅞	92⅜	Treas 9¼% 1999-02	93⅝		8.67	9.351
103⅛	96⅜	Exch 9¾% 1998	99⅝		9.82	10.032
140⅛	132⅛	Treas 15% 1998	132⅝		11.6	10.216
119⅛	111⅜	Exch 12% 1998	111⅛		10.8	10.101
103⅛	96⅛	Treas 9¾% 1999	96		8.6	9.792
120⅛	113⅜	Exch 12¾% 1999	113⅝		10.7	10.085
109⅝	102⅜	Treas 10¼% 1999	103⅜		10.1	9.978
107⅝	101⅛	Conv 10¾% 1999	101⅞		10.0	9.958
98⅛	89⅛	Treas 9% 2000	91¼		9.2	9.722
126⅜	117	Treas 13% 2000	116¾		10.8	10.068
99⅜	90⅝	Conv 9¾% 2000	94⅜		9.4	9.752
108⅝	99⅝	Treas 9¾% 2001	101⅛		9.6	9.850
104⅛	95⅝	Conv 9¾% 2001	99⅝		8.7	9.778
127⅜	122⅛	Treas 14% 1998	122⅝		11.4	10.249
99⅛	94⅛	Exch 9¾% 2002	94⅝		8.48	9.853
107	101⅛	Conv 10% 2002	101⅞		10.7	10.094
118⅛	110⅜	Treas 12¾% 2002	110⅝		10.7	10.084
108⅛	99⅞	Treas 9¾% 2002	100⅜		9.78	9.794
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
107⅝	98	Treas 10% 2003	102⅝		9.7	9.868
131⅛	121⅛	Treas 13¾% 2000	124⅝		11.0	10.127
116⅛	108⅛	Treas 11¾% 2001	111⅝		10.5	9.921
108	100⅛	Treas 10% 2004	103⅝		9.7	9.619
59⅜	56⅛	Fund 3½% 1999	58⅜		5.98	8.223
104⅛	98⅛	Conv 9¾% 2004	98⅝		9.5	9.618
104⅛	98⅞	Conv 9¾% 2005	101		9.50	9.487
113	105⅝	Treas 10¾% 2003	109⅝		9.8	9.498
127⅜	120⅝	Treas 12¾% 2003	121⅝		10.2	9.752
91¼	87	Treas 8% 2002	88		8.6	9.087
106⅛	101⅜	Conv 9¾% 2006	102⅝		9.6	9.459
121⅛	113⅜	Treas 11¾% 2003	115⅜		10.1	9.269
96⅜	90⅝	Treas 8¾% 2007	93⅛		9.1	9.269
136⅛	125⅜	Treas 13½% 2004	130⅝		10.3	9.883
101⅜	96⅛	Treas 9% 2008	97⅜		9.1	9.227
96⅝	91⅛	Treas 9% 1989	96⅝		8.9	9.195
101⅛	94⅛	Conv 9% 2011	96⅝		9.1	9.156
68⅝	62⅛	Treas 5¾% 2008-12	66		6.30	8.940
89⅝	82⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	88⅝		8.9	9.138
130⅝	121⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	126⅛		9.4	9.333
UNDATED						
44⅝	41	Consols	43⅝		9.1	
39⅝	37⅜	War Ln 3½%	38⅝		8.8	
52⅝	50⅞	Conv 3½%	52⅝		6.6	
39⅜	31⅛	Treas 3%	35⅝		8.2	
28⅝	26⅝	Consols 2½%	27⅝		9.1	
28⅝	26⅝	Treas 2½%	27⅜		9.1	
INDEX-LINKED						
121⅛	119⅜	Treas IL 2% 1990	121⅛			
103⅛	100⅝	Treas IL 2% 1992	102⅝			
95⅝	94⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	94⅝			
139⅛	134⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	138⅝			
114⅜	111⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	113⅜			
111⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003	110⅝			
113⅛	110	Treas IL 2% 2006	112⅝			
108⅛	102⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2009	104⅝			
103⅝	100⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	103⅝			
91⅞	87⅞	Treas IL 2½% 2013	90⅝			
98⅝	95⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	97⅞			
96⅝	93	Treas IL 2½% 2020	96			
81⅛	78⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	79⅝			

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
264	213	Allied Irish	245	255	+1			
214	177	Anglo Lessing	191	198		4.7	2.4	10.3
110	85	Antoscher (Henry)	87	90		2.7	3.0	38.0
230	181	Aus New Z	223	227	+5			
8¾	5½	Bankamerica	6¼					
269	188½	Bank of Ireland	230	237				
18½	16	Bank Leumi Israel	17	20				
360	345	Bank Leumi Ltd	340	360		16.8	4.8	11.5
549	355½	Bank Of Scotland	375	380	-5	16.3	4.3	8.7
67	50	Bank Of Wales	60	67		2.7	3.8	19.3
429	364	Barclays (aa)	405	410	+1	27.9	6.8	20.1
30	26	Bencksmark	27	35		1.49	3.9	12.7
416	397	Brown Shipley	345	365				13.3
78	50	Bus Mortgage	57	67	+2			13.4
395	353	Capr Alliance	365			10.0	6.5	17.2
67	61	Cater	65	67		3.4	5.2	12.4
17½	12½	Chase Manhattan	16⅜		+⅛			
14½	9¼	Citicorp	13	13½		6.2	3.5	22.1
180	168	Close Bros	173					
77½	66½	Commerzbank	72⅜					
154½	114½	Deutsche Bank	142⅜					
39	26	Equity & Gen	34	37	+1	1.8	5.0	18.8
275	225	First Nat Finance	253	260	+1	12.5	4.6	8.9
81	59	GFS	265	273		24.0	8.9	14.6
343	269	Gerrard Nat	319	323				
171	90	Gerrard Mahon	119	123		2.6	2.0	9.9
289	243	Hambros	245	248	+2	12.9	6.9	
52	42	HK Shanghai	43	46		3.3	7.3	
440	413	Joseph (Leopold)	410	430		17.8	4.3	17.4
153	139	King & Shaxson	135	145	+2	12.3	8.9	13.9
408	352	Kleinwort Benson	380	385		18.2	5.6	9.3
310	288	Lloyds (aa)	302	307	+2	18.6	6.2	12.7
51	45	Lon Scot Bk	47	50	+1	2.6	5.5	5.4
395	360	Mallard (aa)	369	415	-2	24.0	6.5	26.3
354	298	Morgan Grenfell	335	356	+7	14.9	4.5	
202	197	Nat Aust Bk	199	201		13.7	6.8	9.5
386	329	Nat West (aa)	355	365		21.9	6.2	9.8
324	288	Provident	295	305		13.5	4.6	14.9
77	73	Rea Bros	75	80				

Cinemas, TV stocks have now been incorporated under Leisure

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	395	Allied-Lyons (aa)	422	426	-1	17.3	4.1	12.7
889	764	Bass (aa)	772	777	+4	28.8	3.5	11.6
66	54	Belhaven	60	65		1.4	2.3	17.5
175	127	Bodmington	165			5.4	3.3	17.0
163	145	Burtleys	155	165		4.4	2.8	48.4
198	168	Bulmer (H P)	186	189		6.7	3.5	10.8
171	145	Burnmpond Brew	170	178		4.7	2.6	14.7
386	345	Clark (Matthew)	365	375		14.7	3.9	10.1
175	127	Devenish (JA)	165	175		4.9	2.8	12.2
2470	2070	Greenall Whitley	2330	2360		83.0	3.5	10.7
475	395	Grene King	465	473		9.3	2.1	20.2
2610	2265	Guinness (aa)	2560	2580		126.0	4.9	10.5
1780	1660	Hoskyns & Horsons	1760	1780		45.0	2.5	10.1
138	108	Highland Dist	116	118		2.5	2.0	20.7
2080	1880	Irvine Dist	1980	2000		47.0	2.3	17.9
150	117	Marston Thompson	135	138		3.5	2.5	15.8
560	490	Matland	550	560		15.0	2.6	20.8
2840	2567	SA Breweries	2800	2825		70.0	2.5	10.1
1340	1240	Scot & Nwc (aa)	1320	1330		39.0	2.9	10.2
1735	1534	Vaux Group	1715	1730		44.0	2.5	10.7
317	268	Wolverhmpt 'A' (aa)	310	315		11.1	3.5	11.2
560	324	Do 7%	459	560		14.1	2.5	10.6
411	340	Whitbread Inv	400	411		15.3	3.8	11.5
435	383	Wolverhmpton & D	415	435		15.2	3.6	17.9
530	380	Young 'A'	525	535		13.5	2.6	10.7

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Chge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
293	238	Abbey	238	248				
400	350	Amec	350	360		17.3	4.6	10.7
473	395	Anglo Scr	450	460		34.0	8.7	7.4
52	39	Anglo Utd	46	48		2.0	4.2	23.0
206	115	Arnolds	200	205		5.0	2.4	20.9
391	375	Ashwoods	380	385		13.0	3.4	10.2
301	285	BPB Ind (aa)	293	295		11.3	3.8	10.6
378	298	Bagenridge Block	370	375		11.0	2.9	10.7
86	68	Bailey (Ben) Constr	83	86		3.4	4.0	10.1
208	171	Barratt Devs	173	178		7.2	4.0	11.5
272	201	Beazey	260	263		11.0	4.2	11.2
113	93	Bellwinch	91	95		3.8	4.0	10.1
374	308	Berkeley Gp	365	370		15.0	4.1	10.1
122	96	Bett Bros	115	120		4.7	3.9	10.1
400	365	Blackburn	390	395		16.0	4.1	10.1
477	410	Blue Circle (aa)	465	470		19.0	4.0	10.1
380	314½	Boot (Henry)	360	365		14.7	4.0	10.1
265	215	Bovaeon PLC	260	265		10.7	4.0	10.1
178	119	Br Dredging	165	170		6.9	4.1	10.1
155½	127	Brown	145	150		6.0	4.0	10.1
144	110	CRH	140	145		5.8	4.0	10.1
156	104	Calverwood Relwy	150	155		6.2	4.0	10.1
358	293	Caradon	350	355		14.4	4.0	10.1
140	105	Cawoods Charles	135	140		5.6	4.0	10.1
385	288	Coader Grp	375	380		15.4	4.0	10.1
171	125	Copson PLC	165	170		6.8	4.0	10.1
329	288	Costain	320	325		13.2	4.1	10.1
317	260	Countrywide	310	315		12.8	4.1	10.1
235	203	Crest Nicholson	230	235		9.5	4.1	10.1
126	98	Crosby James	122	127		5.1	4.0	10.1
297	265	Douglas (Wm)	290	295		12.0	4.1	10.1
417	327	Edmond Jnge	410	415		16.9	4.1	10.1
97	84	Erith	94	97		3.9	4.0	10.1
307	269	Fedarated Hsg	300	305		12.4	4.1	10.1
98	75	Finlas Gp	95	98		3.9	4.0	10.1
170	130	Galiford	165	170		6.9	4.1	10.1
283	240	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	280	285		11.6	4.1	10.1
585	470	Gleeson (M J)	570	580		23.6	4.1	10.1
265	205	Harrison Ind	260	265		10.8	4.1	10.1
136	101	Hawdon Stuart	130	135		5.4	4.0	10.1
711	575	Heywood Williams	700	710		29.0	4.1	10.1
382	319	Higgs & Hill	375	380		15.5	4.1	10.1
91	71	Hill Sp	90	91		3.7	4.1	10.1
170	145	Howard Hldgs	165	170		6.9	4.1	10.1
192	152	Hunting Johnson	190	192		7.8	4.1	10.1
156	117	Jarvis (J) & Sons	150	155		6.2	4.0	10.1
205	175	Laing (J)	200	205		8.3	4.1	10.1
163	147	Lawrence (Walter)	160	163		6.6	4.1	10.1
286	236	Lilley Hldgs	280	285		11.6	4.1	10.1
157½	135	Lovell (Y J)	155	157		6.4	4.1	10.1
1⅝	1	Magnet (aa)	1⅝					
157	135	Mandors	155	157		6.4	4.1	10.1
133	106	Marley	130	133		5.4	4.1	10.1
134	91	Marshalls (Halifax)	130	134		5.4	4.1	10.1
441	367	Mowlems (J)	430	441		17.9	4.1	10.1
427	418	McAlpine (Alfred)	420	425		17.3	4.1	10.1
257	204	McCarthy & S	250	257		10.5	4.1	10.1
405	360	Miller (Stanley)	400	405		16.5	4.1	10.1
1095	11	Minorchall	1095	11				
17	13½	Mitchell	17	17½		0.7	4.1	10.1
188	172	Newman Tonks	180	185		7.4	4.1	10.1
196	165	Parkinson	190	195		7.9	4.1	10.1
184	160	Phoenix Timber	180	184		7.4	4.1	10.1
715	615	Pilkings	700	715		29.0	4.1	10.1
484	415	RMC Gp (aa)	475	480		19.5	4.1	10.1
111	84	Rand Ind	90	95		3.7	4.1	10.1
447	380	Redland (aa)	440	447		18.2	4.1	10.1
230	211	Relmond	220	230		9.3	4.1	10.1
111	91	Ready Group	110	111		4.5	4.1	10.1
117	97	Scottish Forbes	115	117		4.7	4.1	10.1
1⅝	1	Sherwood & Pullen	1⅝					
51	41	Smart (J)	50	51		2.1	4.2	10.1
14	10½	Tarmac Ord	13	14		0.5	3.8	10.1
115	95	Tilbury Group	110	115		4.6	4.1	10.1
1⅝	1	Tilcon Wkswy (aa)	1⅝					
1⅝	1	Tilcon	1⅝					
1⅝	1	Tilcon Warrants	1⅝					
1⅝	1	Tilcon Wkswy	1⅝					
1⅝	1	Tilcon Wkswy (aa)	1⅝					
1⅝	1	Tilcon Wkswy

THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

August 18, 1988

Sadri Gilani: The proper use of IT is of strategic importance today

Now we must match the high tech with objectives



The complexity and capability of the tasks to which computer-based information systems are applied increase at an accelerating rate. The use of information systems and the associated technology is now of strategic importance. Organizations are discovering new ways in which information systems can affect their long-range competitive environment, organizational structure and rate of growth.

This implicit IT revolution and its successful exploitation by modern progressive companies demands effective use and management of information systems.

Most managers will have had either first-hand or second-hand experience of computer-based projects being over-budget, over-time, under-functioned, inefficient etc. A major reason why these systems have had so many failures and implementation problems is the lack of understanding by the systems developers of the varying organizational needs, structure, and environment, coupled with the lack of understanding of the opportunities and problems associated with the new tools and methodologies that are available.

The lack of management of the systems development and specifically its implementation and introduction into a company's working environment is another major contributor to the failure of computer-based information systems. It has now become obvious that technical excellence alone does not provide successful and well adapted systems. Researchers and practitioners recognize the growing importance of non-technical matters in information systems design and implementation. Many organizations such as NCC, Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand have highlighted a clear shortage of systems development, systems management and project management staff.

A recent report entitled *Computer Services Industry 1986-1996: A decade of Opportunity*, by Coopers & Lybrand, states the key gap is the shortage of project managers in this field. It urges the Government to encourage higher education establishments to initiate courses producing more project managers. Price Waterhouse's *Information Technology Review 1987-88* confirms the previous findings. The review demonstrates the extended career path that is now available to the information systems professional. This implies that the educational and training provisions must cater for this need.

Professor Frank Land and others argue in their proposals, entitled *IFIP/BCS Curriculum*, that the training requirement and interests of an information systems professional are different from those of a software engineer. The findings highlight the importance of judgment, good human relations and sensitivity to social issues, role-playing and management awareness as important parts in the education of future information systems professionals.

Such reports clearly demonstrate the shortcomings of many of the traditional computing courses and highlight the need for a new type of degree courses in the field of computer-based business information systems. The provision of these graduates is of critical importance to the international competitiveness of the UK economy.

Based on these factors and demands, the Dorset Institute, based in the Bournemouth and Poole conurbation, set up a multi-disciplinary development team led by the department of information systems' business computing division. The aim was to design a course reflecting the needs of industry and providing a framework for the personal, business and technical developments of graduates.

Extensive consultation and market research over a two-year period and involving more than 100 commercial companies has enabled the course development team to propose a four-year sandwich B.Sc. (Hons) Information Systems Management degree. The course emphasizes areas such as information systems development and implementation, user and systems quality assurance, project management, information systems as a change agent, practical business-IT interface, information systems strategy and planning, strategic information systems, matching of business and IT plans, and organizational and social implications.

In response to our degree proposal, David Bebo, of Abbey Life, comments: "Your assessment and relevance of the Information Systems Management degree to the needs of the business community are spot on."

Mike Coombes, of Newgate Group, further adds: "In industry particularly, computer applications have to date failed to realize their full potential, partly for historical reasons and partly through lack of skills within the various industry sectors. Massive advances can and will be made by those who can identify needs and problems, formulate solutions, and implement those solutions."

He says: "Your course provides the skills necessary to achieve this. I was impressed with your approach. You are not merely advocating the acquisition of computer knowledge, but rather the application of the theory to the correction of the problems in a practical and realistic manner. The course also covers the need for individuals to be part of a team and be an effective member of any company."

Our Information Systems Management degree course is organized around six subject units each year, plus a programme of activities in years one and two equivalent to another subject entitled Systems Development Workshop, which provides a focus for other kinds of learning activity that are not primarily subject-specific (using a socio-technical framework).

Year one of the course concentrates on building simple business information systems while the second year addresses the issues involved in the design and implementation integrated information systems. In the first and second year students will be involved for several days in simulated work environment exercises before spending the third year in industrial placement.

The fourth and final year of the course focuses on the effective management of information systems covering the strategic viewpoint of information systems and their active and passive role within business plans. There is flexibility for some specialization in the service sector or in manufacturing management after the first year of the course.

The nature of our degree requires the students to appreciate the purpose of business, its complexities and relationships between various functional areas, and the demand that these factors place on the information systems and the information systems professional's portfolio of knowledge, tools, methods and skills.

We anticipate that our graduates will soon move in to project management and become successful project leaders and managers. They will also have a firm foundation for an extended career path leading to senior management. P.J. Harding, director of MIS, Max Factor, confirms our view: "Your information systems management graduates would be both readily employable and quickly productive."

We hope to offer a limited number of industry-supported student sponsorships throughout the course.

The development team would like to convey their gratitude to all the companies who have supported this venture with such enthusiasm.

Sadri Gilani is the head of division of business computing and a member of Dorset Business School

The concept of matching technology with business objectives is an overriding philosophy in a new and innovative four-year sandwich B.Sc. (Hons) Information Systems Management course at the Dorset Institute. The course starts in September 1988

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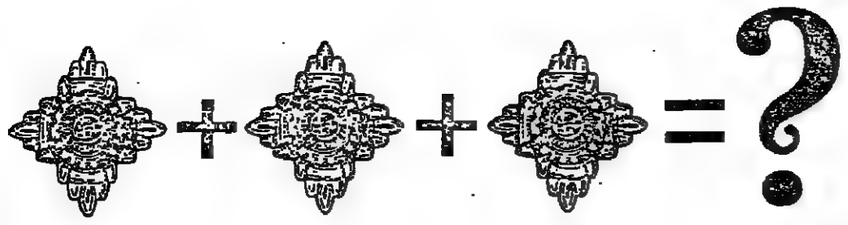
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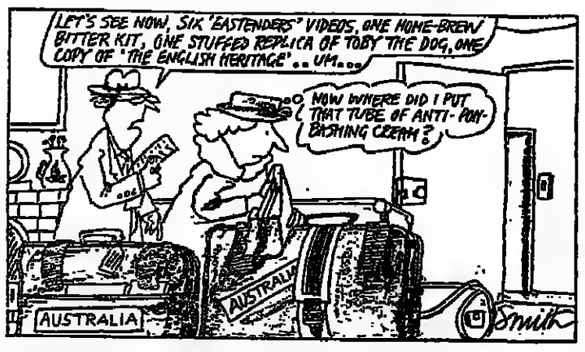
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Top jobs, bright prospects

More than ever, Britons are applying to live in Australia, says Godfrey Golzen



Since the beginning of the year, and despite the healthy state of the British economy, Australia House has been dealing with an unprecedented flow of 20,000 inquiries a month from prospective British emigrants.

Officials think it has been sparked off by the image of Australia projected in films such as *Crocodile Dundee* and bi-centenary-based TV programmes, notably Alan Whicker's upbeat TV series on how Brits have fared in Australia. But bearing in mind that it costs a non-refundable A$60 just to lodge an application form to migrate and a further A$165 to have your application processed, what are the chances of having it approved?

Australia has an annual programme for immigration which has been inching up in recent years, but for 1988-9 has increased sharply to 140,000 compared with 114,000 for the previous year. That is a global figure and the days are long passed when Britons enjoyed any special status, although in fact they still account for about 25 per cent of all immigrants.

However, Australia's population is now infinitely more multi-ethnic than the predominance of Anglo-Saxon names its sports teams might suggest. Being able to speak English still counts in your favour, though, in the allocation of points on which suitability criteria are assessed.

The key factors are your chances of getting employment without significant further linguistic or skill training, education, age (no points if you are over 45) and direct family connections in Australia. You have to score 80 points to be considered at all.

Managers and executives can bypass this process if they are recruited here by an Australian company, although it is wise even then to allow a few months for the immigration documentation to be completed. Other ways in which you can jump the points queue are:

● Retirement: If you are over 45, can bring enough assets to buy a house — and that costs a lot less than it does in Britain — and can prove you have an income equivalent to the average weekly male wage of A$435.

● The occupational shares system: Australia is short of people with recognized qualifications and work experience in a number of fields, ranging from accountants and computer analysts to people with special skills in fields related to tourism. Special immigration quotas have been allocated to 23 occupations.

● The business migration programme: Australia wants to attract entrepreneurs with a successful track record and about £200,000 in capital to put into their own new businesses. Age is no object and there are no restrictions as to the kind of business, other than the migration department's view of its inherent viability. Apart from that, the main condition is that involvement has to be hands-on — there is no question of investing as a sleeping partner.

As in the UK, there are regional differences in the nature of the opportunities for starting up a business and financial incentives to match. In South Australia, for instance, you can get up to A$500,000 in the form of cash grants and tax rebates for approved new businesses. A lot of preliminary information on such matters can be obtained from the London agents-general of the various states — in effect, the "embassies" of each state — which can also help by suggesting local contacts for a preliminary visit to the country.

What about the chances of employment for those who simply emigrate in search of jobs? The Federal Minister for Employment, Peter Duncan, told me in Australia earlier this year: "We're short of skilled people in a whole variety of fields. That's especially the case in manufacturing, tourism and high tech."

Australian industry is doing well and inflation fell from nine to seven per cent last year. Mr Duncan is unworried by what is often seen as the long-term threat of competition from cheap labour in south-east Asia. He said: "Today's sunrise industries call for high capital investment, but the raw labour content is diminishing and being replaced by specific skills. In that sphere, their labour costs aren't far away from ours — and we have the advantage of almost unlimited energy and mineral resources."

His optimism is supported by a 3.5 per cent growth rate in the economy, despite last October's stockmarket crash. Unemployment, too, averages a manageable 7.8 per cent, although it varies between the states.

The improving exchange rate of the Australian dollar — it has gone from about A$2.50 to A$2.12 to the pound since the start of the year — is making salaries look slightly more attractive by international standards.

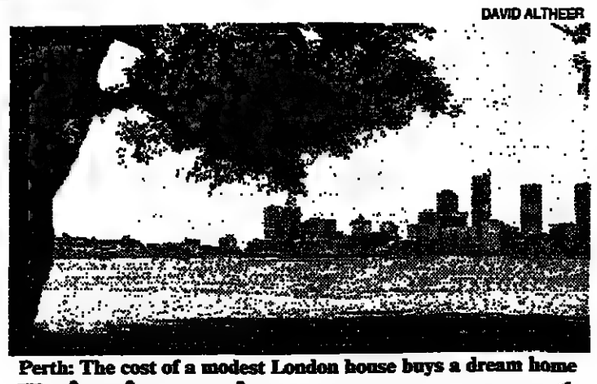
By way of examples, a general manager of a firm with a turnover of A$50 million could expect to earn about A$75,000, a reasonably senior civil servant or university professor about A$55,000, and a young professional or executive between A$30,000-35,000.

Fringe benefits tend to be low, though, and the maximum personal tax rate of 49 per cent is higher than in the UK.

On the other hand your money goes a lot further than in the UK. A new survey by P-E Imbucon, *International Taxation and Living Costs* (£170), shows that though the net Australian salary of a managing director of a firm with a £30 million turnover is only about £30,000, the local purchasing power of that sum is more than £35,000.

● *Godfrey Golzen is the author of* Working Abroad, *(£9.50, including post and packing) from Riverside Books, 47 Deodar Road, London SW15 2NU. 01-874 5492.*

DAVID ALTHEER



Perth: The cost of a modest London house buys a dream home

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The biggest and best surprise for migrants from Britain is the price of housing, *writes Godfrey Golzen*. For A$350,000, the cost of a modest house in an inner-London suburb, one would get something pretty close to the house of your dreams in Adelaide or Perth, including a pool and a tennis court. Even in Sydney it would give you plenty of choice in a good area.

The day-to-day cost of living is cheaper, too. Clothes and household goods are about the same as in the UK, but meat and many other foodstuffs are almost half UK prices — and so is petrol.

What about the drawbacks? Apart from strikes and a climate of industrial relations which takes a UK visitor back to pre-Thatcher days, there are not very many, which is why more people want to go to Australia than they can let in, even of those who are technically eligible.

Yet some go, do not like it and return to Britain. They miss their friends, their newspapers, their favourite TV programmes and find the studied informality and jokey Pommy-bashing, to which some Australians are addicted, gets on their nerves and becomes merely boring. But returnees often strike me as the sort of unhappy people for whom the grass is always greener somewhere else.

● For an explanation of the points system and further details of the various immigration programmes, write to Migration Branch, Australian High Commission, Australia House, Strand, London WC2B 4LU. A good guide to living costs is produced by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Financial and Migrant Information Service, 3rd Floor, 1 Kingsway, London WC2B 6DU, 01-379 0955

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SPORTS LETTERS

Olympic trials of British athletics selectors

From Captain G. A. S. C. Wilson, RN

Sir, There are several issues on the subject of the non-selection of Sebastian Coe further to those already aired in your columns. There is no doubt that due to the constant physical demands that place an athlete on the knife edge between fitness and ill-health, Coe now has to husband his resources, but he is still, I suggest, capable of the exceptional effort necessary for success in the Olympic Games.

This, however, means specific preparation that is not necessarily conducive to a good interim performance, such as that required in the trials. If, having been selected, in due course he had felt he was not fit or up to the required standard, he has proved in the past that he is honest enough to admit it and advise the selectors accordingly.

This might smack of special treatment, but he has deserved it, having won a gold and silver in each of the last Olympic Games, on the latter occasion as a consequence of a more flexible selection policy under somewhat similar circumstances.

I also appreciate that the United States, with its enormous depth in talent in all events, conducts "sudden-death" trials for all three places in the Olympic athletics team. It could be argued that for middle-distance events we have a strength which demands similar treatment, but, unlike the United States, we have never before practised such a policy. Injustices under this system have been perpetrated in the past and arguably this year, as illustrated by the experience of Greg Foster, the world 110 metres hurdles champion.

Peter Elliott is, in spite of his silver medal last year, not of the same calibre as Coe and I would be prepared to make a strong wager that as a consequence of doubling up he will win no medals, certainly no more than one bronze. Coe, I suggest, had he not suffered any further setbacks, would have been capable of beating all the British selections in both events, with perhaps the one exception of Cram in the 1,500 metres. It seems unlikely that either Crabb or McKean, the latter looking less and less like an Olympic finalist, would trouble him.

Coe has been treated very shabbily and if it is true that Coe was chosen by the selectors but vetoed by the British Amateur Athletic Board on an 11-10 vote, then it can only have been a "political" gesture. In that case the board owe it both to Coe and the public to explain their reasons for overruling the selectors. Their efforts this year have not exactly demonstrated that they have the best interests of athletes at heart nor the integrity one would expect from a governing body of a major sport.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON WILSON,
Admers,
Midhurst Road,
Lipbook, Hampshire.

From Mr Loren Butt

Sir, Here is a way to arrive at the best team for individual track and field events at the Olympic Games.

The BAAB organizes three official Olympic trials meetings at five-week intervals, each in a different part of the country. The winner in each event at each meeting gets a place in the Olympic team. Once you have a place you don't take part in the series again.

It solves all the problems; there are no subjective judgments to be made by selectors on the basis of reputations, or of freak race-times or of coaching information, and there are no votes to be counted: the cruel misfortunes of temporary illness, injury and track accidents are most likely to eliminate the top athletes: doubling-up opportunities are available without compromise.

Best of all the athletes prove themselves and win their places through direct competition with each other which is a very essence of the Olympic ideal. There are no elite or special cases.

For the followers of the sport there is the prospect of real racing, just as there was in Birmingham, but in each main part of the country. The meetings would be refreshingly free of staged spectaculars, cynical pacemakers and odd-ball extra races to keep the stars apart.

I am, Sir, yours etc.
LOREN BUTT,
The Walled Garden,
Wildmoor Lane,
Sherfield on Loddon,
Hampshire.

From Mr Geoffrey N. Silman

Sir, As Zola Budd became British in record time, should not Sebastian Coe consider applying for Swiss citizenship, as I am sure that he could make their Olympic team at both 800 and 1,500 metres. After all we are advised that he has been training there for a couple of weeks or so and, taking the Zola precedent, he must be virtually Swiss already.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY N. SILMAN,
3/4 The Village,
North End Way, NW3.

Selling the Oval down under

From Mr Peter Brooker

Sir, As a member of Surrey County Cricket Club I was appalled to read your report of the proposal that the name of our ground be prefixed by the name of a brand of lager. Further insult is added to this suggestion by making it a name indelibly associated with Australia rather than England. How crass can our committee get.

While accepting that the brewers would require some *quid pro quo* for a substantial input of funds, why could they not offer their prime beer name to be associated with the other main development, The Ken Barrington Courage Centre would be an appropriate and respected title to which I believe few would object.

I shall of course, be voting against the club's proposal at the EGM but, even if the majority of members do the same, I suspect that a way will be found to force it into effect because the club's income from membership and gate entry is already dwarfed by commercial and external funding.

I guess this proposal is only a logical extension of current political morality, where everything is available for sale. We are living in a society ruled by "the bottom-line", but I suggest this suggestion sets a new bottom in cricketing matters.

Is it any wonder players have no respect for authority and traditional moral values? These are obviously things of the past, along with the Olympic amateur ideal and even the concept of sportsmanship.

Yours faithfully,
PETER BROOKER,
30 Hamilton Close,
Bricket Wood,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Cricket: time for other changes

From Mr Peter Helps

Sir, Your three special articles on cricket (August 10-12) were couched almost exclusively in the context of the standard of performance of England Test teams. The unstated assumption underlying your arguments was that the criterion by which the organization and playing of cricket should be judged is its success in producing teams which win Test matches. This may seem self-evidently correct to Test selectors and media cricket correspondents who spend much of their lives watching Test matches here in summer and abroad in winter.

But what of the ordinary cricket supporter who, even if he lives within range of a Test ground, may attend a Test match possibly only one day each year? To him, your assumption is at least questionable. If he is a member of his county cricket club or follows its progress game by game during the summer, he may well feel his main interest and loyalty is to his county. It was significant that in three long articles the only reference to cricket spectators was a quotation by Graveney grudgingly acknowledging our existence: "we are, *after all*, in the entertainment business" (my italics). If cricketers have chosen to become professionals, making their living from our membership and admission fees, then they are certainly in the business of entertaining us, although to judge by the alacrity with which they leave the field for "bad light" they do not always give this impression.

Given your assumptions of the primacy of Test cricket, it undoubtedly follows that your arguments for the reorganization of county cricket have some validity. But if we assume instead that the interests of the counties and their supporters are paramount (as club loyalty by football supporters surely takes precedence over national team loyalty), then it is the reorganization of Test cricket which primarily needs attention.

One problem is that Test matches are scheduled for five days whereas county cricket is based on the three-day game. Your solution is to reorganize county cricket on a four-day basis, a sure basis for a dreary first two days for spectators. Is this what they want? No one apparently thinks of asking them.

When Test matches were mainly played here against Australia once every four years, they could be accommodated by the domestic game. Now we have an endless series of Tests causing disruptions to county team selection and injuries and staleness arising from winter tours.

Before we make major changes to the county programmes, I suggest it is the reappraisal of the international game to which attention should first be given.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HELPS,
128 Tomswood Hill,
Hainault, Ilford, Essex.

From the Director of the Lord's Taverners

Sir, As Director of the Lord's Taverners, a vice-president of the English Schools' Cricket Association and a member of the executive committee of the National Cricket Association, may I be permitted to comment upon part 3 of *Cricket: Time for Change*. Andrew Longmore's contribution under the title, A net bulging with raw talent (August 12).

Brian Aspital, secretary of the NCA, is quoted as saying: "There is more youth cricket being played in this country than at any time before." It may be true, but he failed to mention, and so did Longmore, that without cash, schoolboy cricket will get nowhere. As Colin Page, Kent's director of coaching, said: "Cricket has always been an expensive sport to play".

That is why I was disappointed at no mention being made of the Lord's Taverners' work for youth cricket. The NCA received the best part of a quarter of a million pounds from the Lord's Taverners last year for youth cricket. ESCA had £46,000. The Lord's Taverners gave £25,000 to the Test and County Cricket Board to purchase 500 sets of Kwik Cricket for gifts to schools.

Unless the work of the Lord's Taverners is given recognition, we shall find it harder to attract support in the future. Our money goes on artificial pitches, cricket equipment, coaching and competitions — all vital to keep the nets bulging with raw talent. We even buy the nets.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SWAINSON,
Director, Lord's Taverners,
1 Chester Street, SW1.

From Mr David May

Sir, Your cricketing editorial, Not without a spark, (August 12) seems to me to be contradictory. If half of the West Indies team are already here as you state, playing on these difficult wickets in three-day games, we should ask ourselves why Greenidge and Richards have so consistently done well. Somehow the West Indies produce quality fast bowlers and batsman, in successive generations. Why? How? The article on the sports page, A net bulging with raw talent, speaks of ample numbers of young people playing here, but we have quantity not quality.

The essence of the problem is summed up in the neighbouring article, Counties take a new line on fast bowlers. "If Kent had the chance they should put that boy away for a year or two and pay him to get strong." I suggest we have become overfed, underexercised, and much too addicted to cars and television.

About two years ago the Army were complaining of young men not being physically strong enough. Lifestyle here, including diet, is different, and therein lies the key. For example, how many children now walk, say, one mile to school? Few I suggest.

Living here in a rural country I have seen that nature is at times exceedingly hard. Survival of the fittest is a fact, unpleasant though that may be to accept. The many times proven adage, hungry fighters make good fighters, is something we should examine more closely.

Looking for excuses in pitches, in duration of play, when the opposition in the same circumstances outplay you is in my opinion clutching at fragile straws. Let's produce faster, stronger sportsmen with the will to win.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MAY,
54 Fore Street,
Topsham, Exeter, Devon.

MCC waiting-list

From Mr Hubert Doggart

Sir, As chairman of the MCC general purposes subcommittee, which made recommendations to the full committee about the current waiting-list for election and the proposed £50 registration fee, may I make two points in the wake of recent letters?

First, our aim is to rationalize the waiting-list, not to make money for the club. The list may include those who are no longer with us, those who have changed address without our knowing, or those who, for a variety of reasons, no longer wish to remain a candidate.

Secondly, the £50 registration fee, as Mr McKelvie makes clear but Mr Molyneux seems not to appreciate (August 11), is deductible from the entrance fee on election, as stated in the annual report and accounts for 1987. We hope to ensure that only serious candidates remain on the list.

Yours faithfully,
HUBERT DOGGART,
Lord's Cricket Ground, NW8.

From Mr Andrew Dyke

Sir, I am delighted to hear that so many of your correspondents will not pay £50 to remain on the MCC waiting-list.

I am happy to demonstrate my commitment to join by paying part of the entrance fee now and pleased that there is every prospect of my becoming a member so much sooner now that the moaners have been removed from the list.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW DYKE,
40 Compton Road, N21.

From Mr John Walker

Sir, I wonder if Mr Michael Molyneux (August 11) realizes that he would be welcome at any time as a member of Middlesex County Cricket Club.

He could then enjoy almost all the privileges he yearns for — including the nursery chairs — at any match involving Middlesex.

All this would give him a lot of change from his £50 (a great deal if he is of retirement age). He can even park his car at these matches for nothing — and he doesn't have to wear that awful tie.

Yours etc.,
JOHN WALKER,
113 Broadhurst Gardens, NW6.

No rugby decline

From the Secretary of the Rugby Football Union

Sir, Oh dear! What a sour letter from Mr Colin Wallace (August 11).

His allegation of a decline in rugby union football is simply not borne out by the facts.

Anyone who attended the England v Ireland game, the John Player Cup final or, dare I say it, the Wales v Scotland match last season would have seen capacity crowds ecstatic with pleasure at the sparkling running rugby. It may not be an every match occurrence but it does happen and we are working on it.

He evidently would like to bring in the razzmatazz of American football with highly paid professional players as entertainers. This will fill our grounds for us, he tells us, although of course it may not have too much to do with sport.

The concept of a player taking part because of his enjoyment of the game or the friendships he makes, and not for the financial rewards it offers, is not one that appeals to Mr Wallace, but it seems to please our players, our supporters, our sponsors and the television companies.

Yours sincerely,
DUDLEY WOOD,
Secretary, Rugby Football Union,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

Put name on ticket

From Mr Michael Varcoe-Cocks

Sir, There is a simple way if the All England Club really wanted to stop the resale of Wimbledon tickets and ensure that tickets were used by those who originally purchased them. As well as restricting sales of tickets to one pair per household or company, the club could have the name and address of the ticket-holder printed on the tickets (as is already done for many theatres).

Anyone who could not use their tickets could return them for resale or transfer to a nominated person.

On entry to the ground, ticket-holders would have to show some form of identity document such as a driving licence or credit card. The rules could be relaxed for children: they are unlikely to have acquired their tickets by way of extortionate resale.

This method may not be *completely watertight, but the* vast majority of tickets would be used by those successful in the ballot. The touts' job would become very difficult.

Yours faithfully,
M. D. VARCOE-COCKS,
17a Nevern Mansions,
Warwick Road, SW5

Misuse of alcohol

From Mr J. G. Burton

Sir, The End Column (August 10) quotes the Health Education Council as saying that sports "sponsorship by alcohol companies is inappropriate". While the HEC has ceased to exist for 16 months, this view no doubt reflects that of its then director who "would not work with tainted money."

While this sounds a high-minded matter of principle, it surely displays muddled thinking. Any major "brewery" group, which would clearly loom large in an attacker's sights, will have tens and possibly hundreds of thousands of shareholders and at a guess 30 to 45 million UK customers, some of whom will be indulging in depraved activities with teabags and blackberry and apple pies. Yet it is precisely these fellow citizens that pay for these quangos and their directors, who are charged with their education on matters of health.

A spokesman goes on to fear that drink may be "seen more favourably and to be more socially acceptable". This view is unlikely to be shared by the millions in the pavilion after a game of rugby or mixed tennis doubles.

Drink is socially acceptable, misuse is not. It is also possible to misuse matches, cars, football studs, surgical instruments and words.

Yours faithfully,
J. G. BURTON,
25 Belsize Road, NW6

Lining up putts

From Captain R. C. Todhunter, RN (retd)

Sir, If I may be allowed to wind up this debate, I am sad to have to report that I am as mystified as ever. Those who follow the blinking procedure suggested by Mr Leach (August 4) will find that all it does is to lead them to the rather odd conclusion that all greens slope to the left, if their right eye is the master, and to the right, if their left is the master.

Mr Harman (August 11) thinks they do it to see if the flag stick is straight or if it has a hangover, and that seems to me to matter less than whether I have a hangover myself.

I must therefore revert to my original belief, i.e. that devotees of this curious practice are merely praying to the great god Ping for assistance.

I am, Sir,
Yours truly
R. C. TODHUNTER,
The Gatehouse, Nutfield,
Redhill, Surrey.

Spot the ball

From Mr G. W. Dimbleby

Sir, I wonder why billiards players seem less prone to the troublesome "kick" than snooker players. During the last televised billiards championship there were only three occasions in the matches I watched when a player asked for a ball to be cleaned.

Yours faithfully,
G. W. DIMBLEBY,
34 House Lane,
Sandridge,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.

Tennis scoring

From Dr K. C. Bass

Sir, Mr S. R. Forrest (August 4) and Mr G. Robertson (August 11) have commented on the scoring in lawn tennis.

The present mode of scoring originates from the Middle Ages, when the scores were based on the quarters of the hour. Rules drawn up in 1876-77 for the first lawn tennis championship adopted the method with slight variations. Old traditions die hard.

Yours truly,
K. C. BASS,
Department of Chemistry,
City University,
Northampton Square, EC1.

Mystery tour

From Mr Gerald Rix

Sir, I have been following with interest your coverage of the Tour of Britain cycle race, but find the name a misnomer. Surely it should be the Tour of England, since it confines itself for virtually 99 per cent of its length to that country. The Tour de France covers virtually every part of France and sometimes other countries. Perhaps the least the Tour of Britain should accomplish is to take place in each of the four home countries over a two-year period.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD RIX,
Blairview,
Milnathort, Kinross-shire.

Not invincible

From Mr Douglas Dwyer

Sir, As a West Indian I am naturally delighted with our victory in the recent Test series. However, *I wish it had been more competitive.* Most of the criticisms against the England players and the selectors seem quite ill-conceived in perspective.

The West Indians are not invincible. Gooch's averages against them have been consistently good. With five Gooches and good fielding it would not have been a debacle. The West Indians are not geniuses. They simply practise hard. This and their cohesiveness owe a great deal to the teachings and examples of Worrell. If players practise and practise and practise, then technique and the ability to improvise under crises will come naturally.

The onus is first of all on the boy or girl who is going to do the actual playing. When that is satisfied then the rest can follow from good coaching. The player who is always looking for soft conditions in order to practise anything should not expect to do well. Bradman's early life story was one of hard and long practice.

The idea that physically the coloured people are better fitted for sports, and especially in athletics, has been given the firmest lie by the East Germans. Whatever the excuse, practice is the centre of things.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS DWYER,
7 Cranley Gardens, SW7

From Mr Will Dennis

Sir, Each West Indian state has separate representation at the United Nations. If the same were required on the cricket field, England might occasionally beat one of them.

Yours faithfully,
WILL DENNIS,
30th Floor, Connaught Centre,
1 Connaught Place,
Central, Hong Kong.

Into the swing

From Mr Michael Cory-Wright

Sir, I hesitated at first to comment on a recent semi-technical article on swing bowling (July 20), as I have never been anything other than a nonentity in the cricketing world. However I learnt something for myself late on at school (I don't think that anyone was taught how to bowl in those days) which might be of interest to some young aspiring bowler.

He should get hold of a ball, not too new, pick up the seam well all round with a spike, roughen up one side a bit, and spend time with shoe polish and spit, polishing the other side to a mirror-like finish. He should then take it up to the nets and surprise a few batsmen. The exaggerated condition of the ball should enable him to get the feel, almost as if in slow motion, of the effect that changes in grip and action make to the flight of the ball.

Once this feel is mastered, and established in the mind, it should become natural and relatively easy to swing a normal ball either way as required.

This idea may not produce an unplayable bowler in time for the next series, but anyway it may give someone a bit of fun. Perhaps it would be an antidote to the dreaded seriousness of sporting commentary which usually follows in the wake of National Disaster.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL CORY-WRIGHT,
Codicote Lodge,
Codicote, Hitchin,
Hertfordshire.

YOUTH IN THE SADDLE

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Resolute Sheriff's Star enters Leger reckoning

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Sheriff's Star is a generous 8-1 with Corals to repeat his half-brother, Moon Madness's 1986 victory in the St Leger for Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk after giving Insan, the Irish Derby runner-up, 3lb and a threequarters of a length beating in the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York yesterday.

"He's very relaxed. I think he'll stay the extra distance," said Tony Ives, the winning jockey. "He's improving all the time and I believe he'll do even better with some give in the ground."

Ives, who tore a ligament in his ribs in a fall at Leicester on August 2 and then gave up riding after his comeback at Newbury last Friday, now intends to take a further rest.

"I didn't feel anything during the race," he said, "but I did when I was pulling up. I had difficulty in getting my breath. I'll have some more heat treatment and physiotherapy and hope to start again at the beginning of next week." Surprisingly, Ives will be seeking his first English classic win on Sheriff's Star.

Now attempting to become the first British woman to saddle a classic winner, Lady Herries deserves full marks for her patient handling of her resolute grey. "He ran a very good race in the Derby considering he spent three days in his box with a bruised foot just before the race," she said.

The high merit of this performance is underlined by the fact that Alwuhush, who had been beaten four lengths by Minster Son at Goodwood, was over six lengths adrift in third place yesterday. This was also better form than that shown by Sheriff's Star in his Royal Ascot win.

"His lad says he's better now than all season," Lady Herries continued. "And it was the first time he's been on a flat course with a long straight. It suits him much better."

Willie Carson's kick for home

York sponsor

The group one Yorkshire Oaks is to be sponsored for the next three years by the Aston Upthorpe Stud, owned by Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum, the youngest of the four Maktoum brothers. Tuesday's Yorkshire Oaks was won by Diminuendo, who races in the colours of Sheikh Mohammed.

2½ furlongs out on Insan temporarily put the winner in difficulties. "Insan ran a marvellous race," said Anthony Penfold, Fahd Salman's manager. "We certainly haven't ruled out the Arc. It might well be better to go there than to take on Diminuendo in the Leger."

Henry Cecil, seven times champion trainer, moved into the lead for the first time in the race for this year's title when Paul Eddery and Kneller stormed home three lengths ahead of Rasiaan in the Tote Diamond Jubilee Ebor.

The £70,000 first prize-money won by Charles St George, Kneller's owner, has taken Cecil £13,000 ahead of Luca Cumani, the trainer of yesterday's runner-up.

Backed down from 33-1 to favouritism at 5-1 *ante-post*, Kneller drifted to 9-1 in the on-course market and despite Cecil's fears that the three-year-old's price represented bad value, the result was in no doubt in the last quarter of a mile.

"I still stick to what I said," said Cecil. "Kneller is an immature, lightly-raced horse, who I thought might lack the necessary experience. But he's sure to make a group horse in due course."

Kneller's victory gave Cecil his first win in the centrepiece of York's summer meeting and the three-year-old's time of 2min 53.6sec broke the track record established by Firestone 24 hours earlier by half a second.

The group two Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes resulted in another record time with a 14-1 win for Sharp N' Early, whom Brian Rouse drove past the post threequarters of a length ahead of Luge with Weldnaas, the 2-1 favourite, 2½ lengths away in third place.

All Richard Hannon's horses are bursting with health at present and Sharp N'Early had looked in magnificent condition beforehand.

"I thought he ran a storming race when a close fourth at Goodwood," said the trainer. "He stayed seven furlongs, but he's had quite a busy time and I might put him away."

Luge, on the other hand, now goes for the National Stakes at the Curragh on September 10.

FISHING

Man who lured a multitude

By Conrad Voss Bark

Described by *Salmon and Trout* magazine as "the father of stillwater trout fishing," T. C. Ivens has died at the age of 67. He was a modest and kindly man whose book, *Still Water Fly Fishing*, first published in 1952, set a new standard for reservoir fishing and techniques and tackle.

It came at the right time, for it dealt entirely with reservoir fishing for trout, which up till then had lacked a coherent and authoritative textbook. He produced half a dozen simple patterns of nymphs and flies which went far to resolve the dilemma of making the choice of what to fish. He divided his *flies into attractor patterns*, which were lures, and deceiver *patterns, which represented in*sect-looking trout food.

His favourites were the deceiver patterns and of these the Black and Peacock Spider, based on an alder fly but without the wings, is still widely used today. His Green Nymph and Green and Brown Nymphs, both generalized patterns, which suggested any number of underwater creatures, are also widely used.

But after watching the progress of reservoir fishing for some 40 years Ivens became disillusioned by the way things were going. He told me there was too much greed, too much competition for money prizes and too much dragging the bottom with lead-cored lines and tandem lures. He found all this repugnant. He said it might be good angling but it was not fly fishing.

He also regretted some of the contemptuous remarks he had made in his book about dry-fly fishermen on chalk streams. He said they were all snobs. As he grew older he became wiser. "There's snobs on the reservoirs, too," he said with a grin. He was a wise man and his book was a bible for the many thousands of men who found peace and happiness in reservoir fishing on their return to civilian life after the Second World War.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0 unless stated, 110 overs minimum

CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Yorkshire.
COLCHESTER: Essex v Glamorgan.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Kent.
LYTHAM: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire.
UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Somerset.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Worcestershire.
HOVE: Sussex v Warwickshire.

Tour Match
11.0-6.30.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Sri Lankans.
SECOND ELEVEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Southend: Essex v Nottinghamshire. Swansea: Glamorgan v Lancashire. Canterbury: Kent v Hampshire. Northampton: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire. Banstead CC: Surrey v Sussex. Griff and Coton, Nuneaton: Warwickshire v Middlesex. Old Hill CC: Worcestershire v Somerset. Park Avenue, Bradford: Yorkshire v Derbyshire.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Torquay: Devon v Shropshire.

OTHER SPORT

BASEBALL: European B Championships: Great Britain v Switzerland (5.30 p.m.) at Fox Hollies Leisure Centre, Acocks Green Birmingham.
BOWLS: Woolwich EBA championships (Worthing).
GOLF: Carrols Irish Open (Portmarnock).
SPEEDWAY: National league: Middlesbrough v Milton Keynes.

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: ITV 8.30-9.0 p.m. The fastest men on earth: Series on Olympic sprinters.
RACING: C4 2.0-4.30 p.m. 2.05, 2.35, 3.10, 3.45 and 4.15 races from York.

JUDO

Briggs denied special selection to Olympics

By Nicolas Soames

Four of Britain's top women fighters will take part in the demonstration competition at the Olympics in Seoul, but not Karen Briggs, the triple world champion, even though she has recovered from breaking her leg when she was defending her title last year.

The world champions, Sharon Rendle, at featherweight, and Diane Bell, at light middleweight, and Ann Hughes, the lightweight who won a world bronze, all earned the right to go to Seoul by virtue of their medals.

But the selectors of the International Judo Federation have stuck rigidly to the letter of the selection policy. They have declined to give Briggs a special invitation in view of her failure to qualify either as a medal winner, or on the basis of a representative from each continent. There will be eight fighters in each weight category.

This strict adherence to the rules means, however, that Avril Malley, the Northern Ireland light heavyweight, who attained fifth place in the world championships, is going to Seoul after the sudden withdrawal of Irene de Kok, the Dutch world champion, who is reported to have retired.

"The whole point about this competition is that it is a demonstration event and therefore it should have the best women in the world — and Karen is unquestionably one of the best," Roy Inman, the British women's team manager, said. "It makes a nonsense of the bantamweight category."

● More than 20 members of five overseas Olympic teams have arrived in Cumbria for training at the Kendal Judo Club for the Seoul Olympics.

They include Mike Swain, of the United States, the world under-71 kilo champion and Robert van der Walle of Belgium, the former world under-95 kilo champion. There are also four more Belgians, as well as seven from Israel, four from Sweden and four from Leichtenstein who will stay until the end of the month.

Training with them are two of the Kendal members of the British Olympic team, Neil Eckersley and Mark Adshead. Kurt Denby, a club spokesman, said: "They have come to take advantage of the club's internationally renowned facilities and the coaching of Tony McConnell, who has coached at three Olympics and recently won the National Coach of the Year Award."

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Improving Silver Fling can stamp authority in Sprint Championship

By Mandarin

Ian Balding's fast-improving filly Silver Fling can top the bill on the final day of the Ebor York meeting by capturing the five-furlong William Hill Sprint Championship.

This prestigious event is, as usual, highly competitive although it was disappointing that Dermot Weld withdrew his July Cup runner-up Big Shuffle overnight because of the firm ground.

Silver Fling, a daughter of The Minstrel, earnt her chance to tackle group one company for the first time after a convincing victory in Goodwood's King George Stakes – a group three event – where she beat one of today's rivals, Ever Sharp, by a length. Two necks further back in fourth place that day was another of today's hopefuls, Perion, while Knesset and Sharp Romance were only in mid-division.

Previously, Silver Fling has stayed on strongly up the Sandown hill to hold the speedy Princess Athena in the listed Trafalgar House Sprint Stakes, but it is her earlier running with Cadeaux Genereux that really catches the eye.

In the William Hill Golden Spurs Trophy over six furlongs on this course in June, Olivier Douieb's three-year-old was favourably handicapped and held Silver Fling's late challenge by half a length. However, Silver Fling is now a massive 19lb better off today, surely enough to turn the tables.

Cadeaux Genereux is also a much-improved sprinter, but his French trainer has taken a chance in running him so quickly after his second to Blue Note at Deauville last week.

Handsome Sailor can never be lightly disregarded. He was a commendable third behind Soviet Star in the July Cup,



Ian Balding: big sprint chance with Silver Fling

but would prefer easier going to give his best.

Stable companion Gallic League has been a shadow of his former self in his latest two efforts and may be best watched, while it is asking an awful lot of Colmore Row, after such a lengthy lay-off, to figure in the finish.

So the way looks clear for Silver Fling to land a famous victory for the fillies, and she is my nap.

Michael Stoute, and his stable jockey Walter Swinburn, can collect a notable double with Kerrera (4.15) and Rahy (4.45).

Kerrera, after two scintillating victories, lost her unbeaten record on King George Day at Ascot where she was beaten 1½ lengths by the Tom Jones-trained Muhbubh. However, on softened going that day, she ruined her chance by refusing to settle in the early stages, leaving nothing in reserve when Muhbubh challenged in the final furlong.

If Swinburn can conserve her energy this time on the fast ground, this talented Diesis filly can take her revenge in the group two 'The Update' Lowther Stakes.

Rahy, a smart two-year-old, made a belated reappearance at Brighton earlier this month, having recovered from a split pastern. He was not extended to beat Centauri by three lengths, and should carry on the good work in the City Of York Stakes.

Stoute also has a fancied contender in First Secretary for the Moorestyle Convivial Maiden Stakes. Although he showed promise in chasing home Akid at Ascot on his debut, the winner was then firmly put in his place by Prince of Dance at Newbury last week.

Sail did not run up to expectations when a well-beaten third behind Northern Tryst at Goodwood, and I have more regard for Khaled Abdulla's Danehill, who has had a nice break since his promising short-head defeat by Chief's Image at Newmarket's July meeting.

Henry Cecil's Sweet Chesne has shown marked improvement since been beaten by today's rival, Hello Vaigly, in the Addison Tools Handicap at Headquarters, and he is fancied to reverse the form in the Bradford & Bingley Handicap.

Peter Easterby's Bollin Patrick can gain a popular local victory in the Knavesmire Handicap, while Casey, after her excellent third in the competitive Extel Handicap at Goodwood, may reward each-way backers in the tricky Galtres Stakes.

At Yarmouth, the much-vaunted Warren Place two-year-old Konigsberg can start his career on the right note by taking the Wellington Pier Maiden Stakes and Careless Talk looks best for the Grumbleweeds Nursery.

Blinkered first time

YARMOUTH: 3.55 Old Kilpatrick, Viceroy Melody. 4.55 Oriental Treasure.

Kelleway suspended for whipping offence

Sarah Kelleway was suspended for three days (August 26 to 28) after being found guilty of excessive use of the whip on *10th-placed Lily Mab in the* Bolton Brothers Handicap women's race at Yarmouth yesterday.

The race was won by Merchant's Dream, partnered by Lydia Pearce, who was gaining his third victory on the course in five weeks.

The three-year-old, trained by Mick Ryan, to whom Mrs Pearce used to be assistant, will be back on the seaside track in an attempt to extend his winning sequence next Tuesday.

Mrs Pearce, whose husband Jeff trains at Newmarket, sent Merchant's Dream to the front three furlongs out, after first Joli Wasfi and then Imperial Mycenae had cut out the running.

She kept the 4-1 favourite going with hands and heels to hold Wazfi by half a length, with Aceface running into third place, threequarters of a length further back.

Cricket Ball completes treble

From Our French Correspondent, Deauville

Cricket Ball, partnered by Gerard Mosse, just got up in the dying strides to take the £19,930 Prix de Meautry for the third consecutive year at Deauville yesterday.

Pat Eddery and Dowsing made good late headway, but had to settle for fourth place, missing the minor honours by a short-neck. Governor General, the other English challenger, broke well but could not quicken two furlongs out.

Cricket Ball has never won anywhere else other than Deauville, and after looking beaten a furlong out, seemed to find a extra gear on his favourite course. John Fellows's charge may now come to England for the Vernons Sprint at Haydock.

Pat Eddery felt that Dowsing had never been able to fully stretch out on the firm going, and might have been closer if there had to be some cut. Tony Cruz had no excuses for Governor General.

Canango led after two furlongs, but was passed a furlong out by Astronef. It looked as though that would be the one-two until Cricket Ball swept through, and the second-placed Astronef can gain compensation in the near future.

● Geoff Baxter and John Matthias will not be riding in Hong Kong this year as they had hoped. Their applications for the season, which starts next month, were not successful at a meeting of the licensing committee of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club this week. No reasons were given.

YORK

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.05 Casey.	2.05 Percy's Lass.
2.35 Danehill.	2.35 Sail.
3.10 SILVER FLING (nap).	3.10 Rotherfield Greys.
3.45 Sweet Chesne.	3.45 Hello Vaigly.
4.15 Kerrera.	4.15 Kerrera.
4.45 Rahy.	4.45 Rahy.
5.15 Bollin Patrick.	5.15 Tarafa.

By Michael Seely

3.45 SWEET CHESNE (nap). 4.15 Kerrera.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 PERCY'S LASS.

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2.5 GALTRES STAKES (Listed race: £7,999: 1m 4f) (9 runners) C4

101	(3)	21-56R5	PERCY'S LASS 25 (F,G) (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 4-9-9	Pat Eddery ● 99
103	(4)	3-13502	GOLDEN BRAID 33 (F,G) (Sir M Sobell) I Balding 4-9-4	C Asmussen 89
104	(1)	135-315	TRISTE OEIL 47 (F,G) (A Ali) M Stoute 3-8-12	W R Swinburn 91
105	(9)	04-512	BANKET 34 (D,BF,S) (Lord Halifax) J Dunlop 3-8-7	T Quinn 70
107	(8)	0-2113	CASEY 20 (D,F,G) (G Logan) L Cumani 3-8-7	R Cochrane 82
110	(7)	21-14	HUG ME 51 (D,BF,F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-7	W Carson 87
114	(6)	424231	RASMARA 20 (D,G) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-7	J Reid 83
115	(5)	311	REGENCY FAIR 30 (D,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-7	M Hills 83
117	(2)	3-123	UPEND 21 (G) (P Player) H Cecil 3-8-7	S Cauthen 87

BETTING: 3-1 Percy's Lass, 4-1 Golden Braid, 11-2 Triste Oeil, 6-1 Hug Me, 7-1 Banket, 8-1 Casey, 10-1 Regency Fair, 12-1 Upend, 16-1 Rasmara.

1987: PROFESSIONAL GIRL 3-8-4 Pat Eddery (11-4) J Tree 8 ran

FORM PERCY'S LASS (9-4) 8l 5th to Mtoto (9-7) at Ascot (1m 4f group I, £218,808, good to soft, July 23, 10 ran). GOLDEN BRAID (8-11) a head 2nd to Polar Gap (8-8) at Newbury (1m 2f, £8,566, good, July 16, 7 ran). TRISTE OEIL (8-9) 8l 5th to Andaleeb (8-9) at Haydock (1m 4f group III, £25,461, firm, July 2, 8 ran). CASEY (8-7) beat UPEND (8-13) a neck at Yarmouth (1m 3f 110yd, 32,503, good, July 14, 3 ran). HUG ME (8-10) beat Bourbon Topsy (8-13) 1½l at Warwick (1m 4f 52yd, £4,519, good to firm, June 18, 5 ran). RASMARA (8-2) beat Dutchess Best (8-2) 4l at Newmarket (1m 4f, £5,809, good, July 29, 7 ran).

Selection: PERCY'S LASS

2.35 MOORESTYLE CONVIVIAL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,501: 6f) (9 runners) C4

201	(3)	2	DANEHILL 42 (BF) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-0	Pat Eddery ● 99
203	(2)		ELMAYER (R Whitley) P Kelleway 9-0	C Asmussen —
204	(1)	2	FIRST SECRETARY 26 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn 75
206	(8)	0	MY NINE 15 (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0	E Johnson —
209	(9)	30	REMEMBER WHEN 8 (P Purcell) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse 65
210	(6)	46	RUNCIBLE CAT 12 (Pin Oak Stable) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts 69
212	(4)	3	SAIL 19 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills 67
214	(7)		SANDCLIFFE STAR (Sandcliffe Motor Group) B Hills 9-0	M Hills —
218	(5)	04	TWOTIME BID 7 (Mrs C Geragmy) Miss S Hall 9-0	D Nicholls 67

BETTING: 11-8 Danehill, 7-2 Sail, 9-2 First Secretary, 6-1 Sandcliffe Star, 8-1 Elmayer, 12-1 Remember When, 16-1 others.

1987: BRILLIANT BAY 9-0 C Asmussen (10-1) P Kelleway 5 ran

FORM DANEHILL (9-0) short head 2nd to Chief's Image (9-0) at Newmarket (6f mdn, £4,091, good to soft, July 7, 10 ran). ELMAYER is by Sharpen Up out of a Nijinsky mare who won at up to 1m in the US. FIRST SECRETARY (9-0) 6l 2nd to Akid (9-0) at Ascot (6f mdn, £7,791, good to soft, July 23, 6 ran). RUNCIBLE CAT (9-0) 2½l 6th to Roback (9-0) at Newmarket (6f mdn, £3,535, good to firm, Aug 6, 10 ran). SAIL (9-0) 8¾l 3rd to Northern Tryst (9-0) at Goodwood (6f mdn, £4,461, good to soft, July 30, 8 ran). SANDCLIFFE STAR (listed May 2) cost 32,000gns is a half-brother to useful sprinter Melody Park.

Selection: DANEHILL

3.10 WILLIAM HILL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP (Group I: £57,052: 5f) (12 runners) C4

302	(11)	515352	EVER SHARP 21 (CD,G,S) (E Robbins) L Cottrell 4-9-6	W R Swinburn 86
303	(3)	0-31163	HANDSOME SAILOR 42 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 5-9-6	M Hills ● 99
304	(2)	223130	KNESSET 21 (B,D,G) (J Costelloe) J Costelloe (Ire) 5-9-5	W Carson 82
305	(10)	11-1134	PERION 21 (D,F,G,S) (E & B Productions Ltd) G Lewis 8-9-5	Paul Eddery 90
306	(4)	060-661	ROTHERFIELD GREYS 23 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Gleeson) C Wall 5-9-5	M Roberts 78
307	(7)	500000	SHARP ROMANCE 6 (D,G) (Al-Deera Bloodstock Ltd) G Fyche 6-9-5	M Wigham 68
308	(5)	5-01022	WING PARK 34 (F,G) (Miss C Morse) A Bailey 4-9-5	W Newnes 89
309	(9)	3-11112	CADEAUX GENEREUX 11 (C,D,F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) O Doueib 3-9-2	Pat Eddery 94
310	(6)	112161	COLMORE ROW 365 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs G Allen) W Jarvis 3-9-2	B Raymond 76
311	(1)	11-3150	GALLIC LEAGUE 42 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-2	S Cauthen 93
312	(8)	021260	BLUES INDIGO 21 (D,F,S) (B Rice) J Wharton 3-8-13	R Cochrane 81
313	(12)	522211	SILVER FLING 21 (D,F,G) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-13	R Cochrane 92

BETTING: 11-4 Handsome Sailor, 7-2 Cadeaux Genereux, 9-2 Silver Fling, 6-1 Panon, 8-1 Gallic League, 10-1 Colmore Row, 12-1 Rotherfield Greys, Wing Park, 20-1 others.

1987: AJDAL 9-2 W Swinburn (2-1) M Stoute 11 ran

FORM HANDSOME SAILOR (9-6) 4¼l 3rd to Soviet Star (9-6) at Newmarket (9f group I, £55,950, good to soft, July 7, 9 ran) with GALLIC LEAGUE (8-11) 4l 7th and SHARP ROMANCE (9-5) last. HANDSOME SAILOR (9-3) showed his best form this season at Sandown (5f group II, £30,183, good, May 30, 10 ran) beating PERION (9-3) 3l with EVER SHARP (9-3) 4½l 5th. ROTHERFIELD GREYS (8-8) beat Glencroft (7-8) 2l in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood (6f hcap, £46,838, good to soft, July 26, 28 ran). WING PARK (9-3) 4l 2nd to Point Of Light (8-5) at Newbury (6f listed, £9,770, good, July 15, 13 ran) with EVER SHARP (9-3) 4½l 5th and SHARP ROMANCE (9-3) 4¼l 8th. CADEAUX GENEREUX (8-10) 1l 2nd to Blue Note (8-7) at Deauville (6f 110yd group II, £26,760, good, Aug 7, 15 ran). COLMORE ROW (9-4) dead-heated for first place with Dealers Wheels (8-12) here last term (5f listed, £4,813, soft, Aug 19, 4 ran). GALLIC LEAGUE (8-3) beat Posada (8-0) 2l at Lingfield (6f listed, £16,128, good to firm, May 21, 8 ran) with SHARP ROMANCE (9-5) 7th. SILVER FLING (8-5) beat EVER SHARP (9-0) 1l at Goodwood (5f group III, £19,029, good to firm, July 28, 13 ran) with PERION (9-5) ½l 4th. KNESSET (9-5) 4½l 7th, BLUES INDIGO (8-5) 2¼l 8th, and SHARP ROMANCE 11th.

Selection: HANDSOME SAILOR

3.45 BRADFORD & BINGLEY HANDICAP (£21,427: 1m) (17 runners) C4

401	(10)	61-0540	CRY FOR THE CLOWN 21 (B,D,F,G,S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-9-10	P Bloomfield 93
403	(3)	1-32250	COLWAY RALLY 21 (C,D,F) (R Coleman) J Watts 4-9-5	C Asmussen 93
404	(9)	400104	GOVERNORSHIP 26 (B,D,F,G) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Nelson 4-9-3	J Reid 96
405	(14)	232-511	STRIKE FORCE 21 (CD,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-9-2 (8ex)	M Hills 91
407	(7)	6115-3	ILISHPOUR 120 (D,G,S) (Aga Khan) L Cumani 3-8-13	R Cochrane 80
408	(6)	1-211	SWEET CHESNE 19 (D,G,S) (Miss D Nagel) H Cecil 3-8-12 (8ex)	S Cauthen 97
409	(13)	401115	HELLO VAIGLY 21 (D,G,S) (T Setter) M Stoute 3-8-9	W R Swinburn 95
410	(15)	326144	START-RITE 21 (B,D,F,G) (T Mahan) W O'Gorman 4-8-6	W Carson ● 99
412	(16)	001430	SILVER HAZE 21 (F,G,S) (Mrs J Hodgson) Miss S Hall 4-8-6	— 93
413	(12)	054261	KINGSFOLD FLAME 26 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Nye) M Haynes 5-8-5	R Fox 96
414	(5)	230151	ERADICATE 23 (C,D,G,S) (K MacPherson) P Calver 3-8-5	T Ives 98
417	(1)	233214	BLAKES SON 23 (D,BF,F) (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 3-8-2	Pat Eddery 95
419	(17)	0-05130	BOOT POLISH 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (G Parkinson) J Watts 5-8-1	N Connorton 92
420	(8)	1/000-05	ROCKFELLA 22 (S) (Mrs J Fulton) Miss L Siddall 4-7-9	T Williams 96
423	(2)	034-301	STREET PARTY 55 (D,F) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinkler 4-7-8	— 92
424	(11)	004222	BIRSTWITH 14 (S) (D Aykroyd) W Elsey 3-7-7	Dana Mellor (5) 94
425	(4)	523223	SHARON'S ROYALE 16 (D,F,G,S) (Lafferty Ltd) R Whitaker 5-7-7	N Carlisle 94

Long handicap: Birstwith 7-6, Sharon's Royale 7-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Strike Force, 11-2 Sweet Chesne, 6-1 Hello Vaigly, 7-1 Blakes Son, 8-1 Ilishpour, Governorship, 10-1 Kingsfold Flame, 12-1 Eradicate, Birstwith, Start-Rite, 14-1 others.

1987: PRINCE RUPERT 3-8-8C Asmussen (5-1) B Hills 12 ran

FORM GOVERNORSHIP (9-6) beat Ghadbaan (9-5) a neck at Ascot (1m n'cap, £29,732, firm, June 15, 26 ran) with SILVER HAZE (8-13) 2l 3rd and START-RITE (8-11) 1½l further back in 6th. STRIKE FORCE (8-6) beat Foreign Survivor (9-0) a neck at Goodwood (1m n'cap, £53,187, good to firm, July 26, 21 ran) with START-RITE (8-7) ¾l away 4th. HELLO VAIGLY (8-4) a short head 8th, SILVER HAZE (8-6) 2l away 7th, with BOOT POLISH (8-3), CRY FOR THE CLOWN (9-10) and COLWAY RALLY 12th, 14th and 19th respectively. ILISHPOUR (8-13) 5l 3rd Shuja (8-10) at Epsom (1m 110yd, £11,004, soft, April 20, 6 ran). SWEET CHESNE (9-10) beat Empire Joy (8-3) at Newmarket (1m n'cap, £5,080, good, July 30, 9 ran). HELLO VAIGLY (8-5) beat SWEET CHESNE (8-3) ¾l at Newmarket (1m n'cap, £16,544, good to soft, July 7, 16 ran) with ERADICATE (8-3) 2¾l 5th. KINGSFOLD FLAME (8-12) beat Barclay Street (9-8) a neck at Ascot (1m h cap, £7,908, good to soft, July 23, 14 ran) with GOVERNORSHIP (9-12) ¾l away in 4th. ERADICATE (9-0) beat Park Street (8-1) 4l at Goodwood (1m h cap, £6,350, good to soft, July 26, 15 ran) with BLAKE'S SON (9-5) 2l away 4th.

Selection: ERADICATE

4.15 THE UPDATE LOWTHER STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O fillies: £22,032: 6f) (9 runners) C4

501	(9)	112	KERRERA 26 (D,BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn ● 99
502	(3)	11	MUHBUBH 26 (D,F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills 84
503	(8)	342	ALWAYS ON A SUNDAY 47 (Rokdale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11	C Asmussen 74
505	(2)	2211	GOOD PARTNERS 41 (CD,F,S) (C Garrad) M Ryan 8-11	R Cochrane 85
506	(4)	14	JALJULI 26 (G) (W Gredley) R Armstrong 8-11	S Cauthen 81
507	(5)	013221	MARCROFT 19 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Clayton) R Whitaker 8-11	Dean McKeown 85
508	(1)	2	MISS DEMURE 22 (BF) (Kennet Valley Ltd) R Armstrong 8-11	M Roberts 69
509	(6)	321421	SKY ROYALE 20 (F,G,S) (R Tindall) J Berry 8-11	J Carroll 77
510	(7)	151	STELLARIA 33 (D,G) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11	Pat Eddery 86

BETTING: 5-4 Muhbubh, 9-4 Kerrera, 7-1 Stellaria, 10-1 Miss Demure, Jaljuli, 12-1 Good Partners, 16-1 Always On A Sunday, 25-1 others.

1987: ELA ROMARA 8-11 Paul Eddery (2-1) G Wragg 5 ran

FORM KERRERA (8-9) beat Aldbourne (8-9) 6l at Newmarket (6f group III, £16,416, good, July 5, 9 ran) with STELLARIA (8-9) 6l away 5th. MUHBUBH (8-8) beat KERRERA (8-13) 1½l at Ascot (6f group III, £18,444, good to soft, July 23, 6 ran) with JALJULI (8-8) ¾l way 4th. GOOD PARTNERS (8-9) beat Time To Go Home (8-2) 2l at York (6f, £4,005, good to soft, July 8, 7 ran). MARCROFT (9-2) beat Because Because (9-2) 4l at Thirsk (6f, £2,792, good, July 30, 6 ran). STELLARIA (8-6) beat Luge (8-11) a neck at Newbury (6f listed, £7,661, good, July 16, 7 ran).

Selection: KERRERA

4.45 CITY OF YORK STAKES (£8,155: 7f) (8 runners)

602	(5)	331550	WANTAGE PARK 5 (D,F,S) (G Mills) M Ryan 4-9-2	S Cauthen 96
604	(6)	0-01248	EVICHSTAR 20 (F) (G Meredith) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-9-0	B Raymond 93
607	(4)	1132-1	RAHY 15 (F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-12	W R Swinburn ● 99
610	(2)	4511-2	AU COURANT 20 (CD,G,S) (M Buckley) R Armstrong 3-8-7	W Carson 95
612	(3)	131315	MARBELLA SILKS 31 (C,BF,F,G,S) (R Scott) M Ryan 3-8-7	R Cochrane 87
613	(8)	401540	SAVAHRA SOUND 44 (F) (A F Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-7	B Rouse 94
615	(7)	3-44241	BARFORD LADY 41 (CD,S) (Mrs C Handscombe) G Huffer 3-8-4	Pat Eddery 83
618	(1)	14-2542	THAIDAH 23 (G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-4	M Roberts 97

● The trainer states that Au Courant will only run if there is overnight rain

BETTING: 7-4 Rahy, 3-1 Au Courant, 9-2 Barford Lady, 6-1 Wantage Park, 8-1 Marbella Silks, 10-1 Thaidah, 20-1 others.

1987: TEN NO TRUMPS 4-9-0W Swinburn (2-1) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM WANTAGE PARK (9-3) 10l 5th behind Warning (9-5) at Lingfield (7f 140yd listed, £11,706, good, Aug 12, 11 ran). RAHY (9-5) beat Centauri (8-11) 3l at Brighton (1m, £2,553, firm, Aug 2, 8 ran). AU COURANT (9-1) ¾l 2nd to Mac's Fighter at Newmarket (6f h'cap, £5,096, good, July 29, 15 ran) with EVICHSTAR (10-0) 2l away 6th. MARBELLA SILKS (8-10) beat Thorner Lane (8-12) 1½l at York (6f h'cap, £3,974, good to soft, July 9, 9 ran). THAIDAH (8-7) 3l 2nd to Ohsomellow (8-10) at Goodwood (7f listed, £15,082, good to soft, July 26, 7 ran).

Selection: WANTAGE PARK

5.15 KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP (£5,509: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

2	(16)	331-051	HIGH TENSION 19 (CD,F,G,S) (Lord Derby) G P-Gordon 6-10-3 (7ex)	M Marshall (7) 92
6	(8)	001414	RED TWILIGHT 15 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (T Bell) R Whitaker 4-9-7 (4ex)	Dean McKeown 94
8	(1)	6-51111	RAIWAND 29 (C,F,G,S) (H Salem) B Hanbury 3-9-5	Pat Eddery 90
9	(15)	8-41122	KNIGHTED DANCER 33 (BF,F,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-4	M Hills 91
12	(5)	212	TARAFA 19 (D,F) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-1	W R Swinburn ● 99
13	(9)	0-36211	MASKED BALL 19 (D,F,G,S) (P Calver) P Calver 4-9-1 (4ex)	— 86
16	(14)	4113-04	STAGE LARK 111 (D) (A Steadman) A Bailey 3-8-0	— 86
17	(11)	511431	BOLLIN PATRICK 31 (D,F,S) (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 3-8-13	M Birch 93
18	(4)	116-016	FIRE BAY 36 (D,BF,F,G) (A Thompauns) W Musson 7-8-13	M Wigham 94
19	(6)	111034	STATEN ISLAND 15 (D,F,G) (M Hill) N Callaghan 3-8-13	— 96
21	(12)	031036	FLYAWAY 33 (BF,D) (H Salem) B Hanbury 3-9-11	— 97
24	(7)	660002	BEAU GUEST 16 (G) (Mrs C Darby) R Simpson 6-8-8	J Current 96
26	(2)	3-02	BRIGHT-ONE 28 (P Rawson) A Stewart 3-8-7	M Roberts 89
27	(13)	300-220	REGAL REFORM 5 (R Wheeler) G Moore 5-8-6	— 95
28	(3)	0-42211	GREEK FLUTTER 22 (D,G) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-5	W Carson 97
29	(10)	404034	HOPPING AROUND 28 (D,F,G,S) (Racegoers Club) C Thornton 4-8-4	T Williams 95

BETTING: 9-2 Raiwand, 5-1 Knighted Dancer, 6-1 Tarafa, Bollin Patrick, 7-1 Masked Ball, 8-1 Staten Island, 10-1 Bright One, 12-1 Greek Flutter, 14-1 High Tension, 16-1 others.

1987: GREENHILLS JOY 4-8-8N Day (12-1) M Ryan 15 ran

FORM HIGH TENSION (9-10) beat Monetary Fund (8-4) ½l at Goodwood (1m 4f h'cap, £4,979, good to soft, July 30, 7 ran). RAIWAND (9-10) beat Full Blast (9-7) 5l at Yarmouth (1m h'cap, £2,866, good, July 20, 6 ran). KNIGHTED DANCER (9-4) 2l 2nd to Apache (9-10) at Ripon (1m 2f h'cap, £4,987, good, July 16, 9 ran) with RED TWILIGHT (9-7) 1¾l 4th. TARAFA (7-13) short head 2nd to Apache (8-6) at Goodwood (1m 2f h'cap, £18,828, good to soft, July 30, 7 ran). MASKED BALL (9-2) beat Tinas Lad (8-4) a head at Thirsk (1m 4f h'cap, £3,168, good, July 30, 9 ran). BOLLIN PATRICK (8-9) beat Pur Quod (9-6) a short head at Wolverhampton (1m 4f h'cap, £4,117, good to soft, July 18, 6 ran). BRIGHT ONE (8-11) 5l 2nd to Oude (8-11) at Chepstow (1m 2f mdn, £1,704, good to soft, July 21, 13 ran). GREEK FLUTTER (9-1) beat Lucky West (8-2) 2¼l at Redcar (1m 3f h'cap, £2,578, good, July 27, 13 ran).

Selection: GREEK FLUTTER

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	24	67	35.8
J Dunlop	18	73	24.7
P Cole	9	38	23.7
B Hanbury	11	48	22.9
G Wragg	12	54	22.2
I Balding	8	42	19.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Cauthen	37	183	20.2
C Asmussen	9	45	20.0
Dean McKeown	5	25	20.0
Pat Eddery	41	205	20.0
M Roberts	9	48	18.8
W R Swinburn	18	101	17.8

(Not including yesterday's results)

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Four course records were broken for the second-day running on the middle afternoon of the traditional Ebor meeting at York yesterday, when the crowd of 30,000 represented an increase of 1,000 on last year's attendance (Michael Seely writes).

Kneller's heavily-backed 9-1 victory in the feature event, the Tote Diamond Jubilee Ebor, for Henry Cecil saw a winning time of 2min 53.67sec, half a second faster than the 24-hour-old record of Freestone.

The six-furlong, five-furlong and nine-furlong records were also shattered by Sharp N'Early in the Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes and by Shuttlecock Corner and Sadspour in the 4.45 and 4.15 races.

Time experts have been querying whether the distances of the races have been altered. "The running rails have certainly not been moved and nothing has changed," said John Smith, the clerk of the course. "I can only put it down to the fact that the heavy morning dews have promoted a lush growth of grass on top of firm going and that the horses are really letting themselves stride out."

York

Going: good to firm

2.5 ROUS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,595: 6f)

LETSBEONESTABOUTIT b c Petong - My Bushbaby (S Roots) 8-11 Paul Eddery (5-2 fav) 1.
Miss Mischievous b f Star Appeal - Dortia (Mrs J Callaghan) 8-6 R Cochrane (15-2) 2.
Breezed Well b c Wolverlife - Precious Baby (Mrs S Homewood) 8-11 G Duffield (20-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Asoness (5th), 7 Doctor's Remedy, 10 Crakalu (5th), The First Wife, 12 Hazy Dancer, 14 Break Loose, 16 Northern Prancer, Sunnyside John, 20 Jaunty Gig, Tafinzo, 25 Sabi Jal, Jimmy Judge, Stapehill, 33 Taxi Fare, Great Ruler (4th), 50 Ebor Nova, 19 ran. Hd, 1½l, 2l, 5l, 2½l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £3.20: £1.60, £2.40, £9.30. DF: £14.10. CSF: £24.54. 1min 11.58sec. Bought in 15,500gns.

2.35 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O: £35,424: 1m 4f)

SHERIFF'S STAR gr c Posse - Castle Moon (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) 8-12 T Ives (11-4) 1.
Insan b c Our Native - Artania (F Salman) 8-9 W Carson (8-11 fav) 2.
Alwuhush b c Nureyev - Beaming Bride (H Al-Maktoum) 8-9 S Cauthen (7-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Galizzin (4th), 4 ran, ¾l, 6l, 15l, Lady Hermes at Leicester. Tote: £3.70. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.98. 2min 28.30sec.

3.10 TOTE DIAMOND JUBILEE EBOR HANDICAP (£70,913: 1m 6f)

KNELLER ch c Lomond - Frution (C St George) 3-8-1 Paul Eddery (9-1) 1.
Raslaan b c Sharest Dancer - Bon Debarres (Sheikh Mohammed) 3-8-10 R Cochrane (10-1) 2.
Tender Type b g Prince Tenderfoot - Double Type (J Tutty) 3-7-7 A Mackay (50-1) 3.
Billet ch g Nicholas Bill - Cosset (D Anderson) 5-9-2 W Newnes (13-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 8 fav Swingit Gunner, 9 Shimshek, 11 Mushtaag, 12 Panama Jack, 13 Turgot, Western Dancer, 14-1 Orient Line (5th), Ocean Ballad, 16 Song Of Sixpence, 66 Da Rai, 16 Four Star Thurrel, 20 Smart Roberto, 22 Lord Jussee (5th), 25 Highknowl, 40 Wishion, 50 Henryk, 66 Choctaw, 21 ran. NR: Clifton Chapel. 3l, 2½l, 2½l, nk, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £10.60: £2.70, £2.00, £10.90. £3.80. DF: £45.10. CSF: £88.99. Tricast: £3,874.90. 2min 53.67sec. (course record).

3.45 SCOTTISH EQUITABLE GIMCRACK STAKES (Group II: 2-Y-O: £34,299: 6f)

SHARP N'EARLY b c Runnett - Irish Kick (A F Budge Ltd) 9-0 B Rouse (14-1) 1.
Luge b c Lyphard's Special - Sledge (J Wigan) 9-0 M Roberts (9-4) 2.
WELDNAAS ch c Diesis - Bank On Love (Maktoum Al Maktoum) 9-0 W R Swinburn (2-1 fav) 3.

ALSO RAN: 4 Santa Tecla (4th), 8 Frequent Flyer (6th), 9 Barrys Gamble (5th), 20 Sylvan Tempest, 33 Resolute Boy, 8 ran. NR: Denham Green. ¾l, 2½l, ¾l, 2l, 3l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £23.90: £3.10, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £28.50. CSF: £44.96. 1mm 09.84sec. (course record). After a stewards inquiry and an objection the placings stand.

4.15 ANDY CAPP HANDICAP (£11,455: 1m 1f)

SADAPOUR gr c Auction Ring - Safita (Aga Khan) 3-9-1 W R Swinburn (13-2) 1.
Off The Record ch c Don Roberto - Farce (C Bryan) 3-8-6 G Duffield (33-1) 2.
San Domenico ch c Sandhurst Prince - Scala Di Seta (Mrs H Morriss) 3-8-5 Paul Eddery (11-2) 3.
Foot Patrol br g Daring March - Molly Polly (Full Circle) 7-8-6 Kim Tinkler (14-1) 4.

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Mahrajan, 8 Athens Gate, 12 Young Jason, Miss Sarajane (6th), 14 Burkan, Joveworth, K-Brigade, 16 Young Benz, 20 Willeswrightonicue, Chimes Of The Dawn, 33 Fleet Special (5th), Mark Applewood. 16 ran. NR: Beau Sher, White Sapphire. ½l, 2l, 1l, nk, 2l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £6.00: £1.40, £7.20, £1.70, £3.40. DF: £211.90. CSF: £2,412.11. 58.20sec

CRICKET: MARSH DISPLAYS ENTERPRISE AGAINST THE SPINNERS TO GIVE KENT A GOOD START IN THE TITLE RACE

Hampshire put under a cloud by quick losses

By John Woodcock

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 195 runs behind Kent

On a slow, unreliable Dean Park pitch — the kind on which Roy Marshall with the bat and Derek Shackleton with the ball used to make Hampshire favourites against all their opponents — Kent were bowled out yesterday for 240. Hampshire made for 45 for four in reply, the day ending, as it had begun, without a cloud in the sky.

A result is what Kent need, and, given the weather, there should be one, though quite often things tend to happen more slowly here than at first seems likely. It was a good toss for Kent to win, and most of the way down the order they made runs, if not many. The most telling phase of the day was the last, when, in 55 minutes, Hampshire lost their first three batsmen, all chancing their arm, plus a nightwatchman.

It was soon obvious yesterday that runs were going to be hard to come by. Of the first 40, quite half must have come off the edge. Kent's 86 for two at lunch was a useful morning's work for them. In the afternoon, they advanced to 192 for seven, Pienaar and Tavare both getting out when going pretty well.

With the ball turning slowly, Maru and Cowley had plenty of bowling, Cowley doing his benefit collection no harm (it came to £285) by accounting for Taylor and Pienaar, both caught close up at short leg. When Pienaar went he had just raised the 100 with two fine strokes through the covers off Bakker.

Pitched up, the ball would move for the seamers as well, with Tremlett making the odd one leave the bat quite unplayably. It was off him that Benson was nicely picked up, low down and left-handed, at backward short leg, and Ellison at second slip, also low down. It was good to see Tremlett back in the side; he is a craftsman, not one of those dig-it-in merchants.

The Cowdreys had an unlucky day, both of them playing on. Christopher was forward to Bakker, the ball rolling back on to the wicket off his foot. Graham managed to drag in a wide ball from Maru that he was aiming to hit through the covers. That was 143 for six with all the batsmen gone.

But Marsh, Ellison and Penn are all all-rounders of a kind, and thanks to them Kent finished with what was looking by the close like a decidedly useful opening total.

Marsh played admirably, using his feet to the spin (as he used them in running 30 yards to make a spectacular catch off a skier from Terry) and announcing himself as one of the host of county wicket-keepers who can bat, in some cases better than they keep wicket. There is not one, I think, who is not going to make three or four innings in a season nearly as good as Marsh's yesterday, and that never used to be so.

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson c Nicholas b Tremlett	19
N R Taylor c R A Smith b Cowley	28
R F Pienaar c R A Smith b Cowley	47
C J Tavare c Parks b Ayling	29
†C S Cowdrey b Bakker	3
G R Cowdrey b Maru	11
†S A Marsh c Terry b Ayling	50
R M Ellison c Terry b Tremlett	20
C Penn c Parks b Ayling	10
A P Igglesden c Bakker b Ayling	13
M D Marman not out	4
Extras (lb 5)	5
Total (98.3 overs)	240

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-86, 3-101, 4-108, 5-143, 6-143, 7-180, 8-208, 9-231.
BOWLING: Bakker 19-7-40-1; Tremlett 17-8-32-2; Ayling 21.3-2-62-4; Maru 20-4-57-1; Cowley 21-6-44-2.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Marsh b Marman	20
C L Smith c Marsh b Igglesden	5
*M J C Nicholas c Marman b Penn	13
R J Maru lbw b Igglesden	0
R A Smith not out	2
D R Turner not out	1
Extras (lb 2, nb 2)	4
Total (4 wkts, 13 overs)	45

J R Ayling, N G Cowley, †R J Parks, T M Tremlett and P J Bakker to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-41, 3-41, 4-41.
Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Kent 3.
Umpires: H D Bird and M J Kitchen.



Boundary bound: Ontong forces the ball away to bring up Glamorgan's 100 with a four off Foster (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

More bounce in Essex style

By Ivo Tennant

COLCHESTER (Glamorgan won toss): Essex, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 97 runs behind Glamorgan

Having lost on the last ball of the first match of Colchester week, Essex, who are still in contention for the county championship, gave themselves just the fillip they needed yesterday. For the second day in succession Derek Pringle took six wickets, the opposition largely lacking in resilience.

On a dry pitch that offered something to everybody, Glamorgan were bowled out soon after tea. Only while Holmes and Ontong were together, adding 63 for the fifth wicket, did they appear likely to put together a sizeable total. Their deficiencies with the bat were accentuated in the last session by Gooch, who picked out advertising boards almost at will.

Foster took the first wicket, that of Cottey, who, now that Hopkins has announced his retirement, is likely to be given a run for the remainder of the season. Morris executed one or two pleasing cuts against Foster before he was beaten by a ball from Topley which kept low, and thereafter Pringle made the most of some bounce in the pitch. All his wickets bar one came through an assortment of edges.

Like Morris, Maynard's attacking strokes reeked of class, yet as in his sole Test to date, there were all too few of them. He was out, now to Pringle, failing to withdraw his bat properly, the ball following him on its way to the wicketkeeper. Depending on your viewpoint, it was misfortune or misjudgement, as was his dismissal in his second innings against West Indies.

Border, playing his last match in Essex before departing for Australia's tour of Pakistan, held three nice catches at second slip. Lilley took one at short leg to dismiss Ontong as soon as Childs came on, arguably too late in the day. He then bowled Metson, who was trying a grotesque swipe.

Pringle took the last two wickets, Glamorgan not adding to their score at tea, and soon Gooch was making batting appear a simple art. Whatever Thomas was trying on a pitch which should have suited him, it did not impress the England captain. His three overs went for 30.

Thomas did at least catch Stephenson, who was swinging Watkin to long leg. Partnered next by Lilley, Gooch was severe on seam and spin alike. He reached a half century in 80 minutes with nine fours.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A R Butcher c Border b Pringle	17
A Cottey c Lilley b Foster	1
*H Morris lbw b Topley	22
M P Maynard c East b Pringle	26
G C Holmes c Border b Pringle	36
R C Ontong c Lilley b Childs	34
J G Thomas b Pringle	9
†C P Metson b Childs	3
J Derrick c Stephenson b Pringle	15
P D North not out	16
S L Watkin c Border b Pringle	0
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 7)	14
Total (76.4 overs)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-45, 3-47, 4-80, 5-143, 6-155, 7-157, 8-162, 9-192.
BOWLING: Foster 20-5-52-1; Pringle 21.4-7-51-6; Topley 14-1-48-1; Gooch 12-7-17-0; Childs 9-6-17-2.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch not out	61
J P Stephenson c Thomas b Watkin	4
A W Lilley not out	25
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total (one wkt, 31 overs)	96

A R Border, P J Prichard, D R Pringle, G Miller, †D E East, N A Foster, T D Topley and J H Childs to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-24.
Bonus points: Essex 4, Glamorgan 1.
Umpires: B Dudleston and J H Harris.

Warwickshire's latest casualty is Merrick

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Warwickshire, already hard-hit by injuries to leading batsmen, lost the services of their main strike bowler, Tony Merrick, at Hove yesterday when the West Indian was obliged to pull out of the attack with a shoulder injury while delivering his tenth over.

However, with the exception of Parker and Alan Wells, who put on 175 for the third wicket, the Sussex batsmen failed to take full advantage of Merrick's absence in fast scoring conditions.

Gifford, belying his 48 years, bowled splendidly, getting through 34 overs for a return of three for 66 and broke the main partnership by bowling Parker for 79. Wells went on to become only the second Sussex batsman to score a century at the county headquarters this season and completed 1,000 runs in the process. When he fell to Munton for 120, Sussex rather lost their way and fumbled their way to 300 for nine before declaring.

Also into three figures for the first time this season was the Yorkshire opening batsman Metcalfe, whose innings of 115 in four hours was largely responsible for his side reaching 301 against Derbyshire at Chesterfield. He had little support until Blakey joined in a fifth wicket partnership worth 85 while the reliable Sidebottom controlled the later stages of the innings with an unbeaten 51. Barnett assured the England selectors of his return to fitness with a sparkling half-century.

Somerset promised to run up a big score against Middlesex at Uxbridge after Emburey had caused an early hiccup by dismissing Hardy and Wyatt in the space of three deliveries. Felton and Waugh then aired their strokes while putting on 160 in 50 overs, before Felton (88) fell to Emburey.

With Tufnell yorking the Australian for 83, Somerset subsided to a disappointing 274, Emburey finishing with three for 96 and his young accomplice claiming four for 88. Middlesex lost both opening batsmen in scoring 25 by the close.

Lamb returns

Allan Lamb, the England and Northamptonshire batsman, scored 51 on his return from injury in a benefit match at Foster's Sportsground, King's Lynn, against West Norfolk yesterday. He will play two further benefit games this week at Cleethorpes and Wallasey.

No leavers

Kent, who are challenging to win the county championship for the first time since 1978, are to retain all their players for next season. David Dalby, the secretary, confirmed yesterday: "We are offering terms to all the 20 players currently under contract."

Sri Lanka make hay in the sun

BRISTOL (Sri Lankans won toss): Gloucestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 237 runs behind the Sri Lankans

The lack of five first-team regulars from the Gloucestershire side enabled the Sri Lankans to dominate the opening day of their three-day fixture at Bristol.

A second-string attack — which included two teenagers but lacked the rested Lawrence, Alderman, Curran and Bainbridge — let the Sri Lankans off the hook after they had slumped to 132 for five just after lunch.

An unbroken seventh-wicket partnership of 109 between Ratnayeke and Tillekeratne in glorious sunshine took the touring side to 285 for six declared, and Ratnayeke then struck with the new ball in his first over before Gloucestershire reached the close at 48 for one.

Samarasekera and the county's 18-year-old off-spinner, Martyn Ball, had earlier provided the points of interest in an otherwise dull day. Samarasekera, a tall all-rounder, hit nine fours in his bright 53, showing the same eagerness to attack which highlighted the century he scored against Surrey last Saturday. He is yet to play a Test match, although that will almost certainly be put right against England at Lord's next week.

Ball, a local student, was making his first-class debut and took his first wicket in his fifth over, bowling Kuruppu as he tried to sweep. Ball went on to bowl 29 overs, and deserved better than one for 88 for his intelligent and well-flighted off-breaks.

Gloucs v Sri Lankans

BRISTOL (Sri Lankans won toss): Gloucestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 237 runs behind the Sri Lankans

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

R S Mahenama b Green	12
†D S B P Kuruppu b Ball	39
M A R Samarasekera c Russell b Pooley	53
P A de Silva c Russell b Pooley	13
*A Ranatunga run out	4
L R D Mendis lbw b Greene	38
H P Tillekeratne not out	50
J R Ratnayeke not out	60
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 4)	15
Total (6 wkts dec)	285

C Ramanayake, B Rajadurai and S D Anurasiri did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-102, 3-127, 4-128, 5-132, 6-176.
BOWLING: Green 12-2-29-2; Jarvis 15-2-48-0; Pooley 18-5-52-2; Alleyne 7-2-21-0; Ball 29-5-88-1; Graveney 19-5-37-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright not out	35
I P Butcher lbw b Ratnayeke	0
P W Romaines not out	8
Extras (lb 2, nb 3)	5
Total (one wkt)	48

K B K Ibadulla, M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, M W Pooley, V S Greene, *D A Graveney, M J C Ball and K B S Jarvis to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-8.
Umpires: M J Harris and P B Wight.

GOLF

Langer fighting back against incurable 'yips'

By Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent

Sandy Lyle yesterday offered a few soothing words of wisdom to Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer on the eve of the Carrolls Irish Open at Portmarnock. Faldo, frustrated at losing the United States PGA championship last weekend on the greens, and Langer have putting problems.

"Nick would do well to realize that when you play golf as superbly as he has been doing from tee to green you cannot expect to make every putt," Lyle said. "As for Bernhard, I think he has got to come to terms with the fact that you cannot change your putter every other day to solve what essentially is a mind-over-matter problem."

Lyle altered his putting stroke, employing a piston-like action similar to Jack Nicklaus earlier this year, when he won four times in four months, including the US Masters.

Faldo was experimenting with a similar action at that time. More recently he has been working on what he calls a "lagging stroke". My belief is that Faldo has no need to feel concerned. It is impossible, however, to offer a similar viewpoint about Langer, as the West German has publicly admitted that he is again suffering on the greens.

Last year Langer won this tournament by 10 shots. It was, he said, probably the best performance of his life. Yesterday he said: "I cannot keep the title, or win anywhere, unless I find a cure for my putting. It is costing me too many shots each round."

Langer had the "twitch" or the "yips" earlier in his career. That he conquered the affliction was a tribute to his courage and determination. Now it is back and reminding us all of Henry Longhurst's comment: "Once you've had 'em, you've got 'em".

They may have returned last October when Langer missed a putt of no more than four feet for victory on the last green at the German Masters. At the second extra hole he inexplicably struck his second shot out of bounds to lose to Lyle. "He really should stop messing around doing this, that and the other and get back to pure basics," a sympathetic Lyle suggested.

"I've tried mental therapy," Langer said. "I've listened to relaxation tapes, spent hours after hour practising, tried different styles of putting, different styles of putters, different grips. . . I've tried the lot.

"But I don't agree that the yips are incurable. Many golfers have suffered from them without bringing it to the public's attention. It is essentially a question of mental attitude. Technique is an important consideration but it is a matter of confidence. I see no reason why the problem should remain with me."

Card of Course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	392	4	10	373	4
2	378	4	11	425	4
3	394	4	12	149	3
4	445	4	13	564	5
5	398	4	14	393	4
6	601	5	15	186	3
7	184	3	16	514	5
8	398	4	17	472	4
9	436	4	18	417	4
Out	3,616	36	In	3,483	36
Total				7,199	72

Tactical move not necessary

By John Hennessy

The England youth team achieved its second successive victory in the annual international against Scotland at Royal Aberdeen yesterday, winning the foursomes by three matches to two and taking five of the first eight singles to reach a winning margin.

England had put two of their strongest players, Paul Cook and Darren Prosser, at the tail of the list for tactical reasons and they duly won, but by then it was only a matter of statistics.

To rub salt in Scottish wounds it was a player from nearby Murcar, but formerly of Newcastle, Craig Cassells, who set England on the road to victory. He gained two victories over the Scottish captain, Andrew Coltart — in harness with his own captain, Jonathan Langmead, in the morning and off his own bat in the afternoon.

Cassells was three under par for the holes played against Coltart. The Scot got back to one down by winning the 16th and then spoilt it all by putting his next tee-shot in a bunker. Jim Payne brought in the second point at the 18th and Nicholas Le Conte, six under par, had beaten Drew Elliot by the 15th.

RESULTS: Scotland 5, England 10 (Scottish names first): Foursomes: A Coltart (Thornhill) and A Tait (Irvine) lost to C Cassells (Murcar) and J Langmead (Newton Abbot), 1 hole; C Everett (Cambuslang) and G King (Shotts) bt W Hewlett (Royal Blackheath) and J Cowgill (Royal Mid Surrey), 1 hole; B Adam (West Lothian) and A Hetrnah (Hamilton) lost to N Leconte (Berkhamsted) and P Hurring (Cotteesmore), 6 and 5; S Bannerman (Cruden Bay) and G Henderson (Bon Accord) bt S Eddley (Parkstone) and M Watson (Weymouth), 1 hole; S Mackenzie (West Lothian) and A Elliot (Ferranze) lost to D Prosser (Dudley) and J Cook (Leamington and County), 5 and 4. Foursomes result: Scotland 2, England 3. Singles: Coltart lost to Cassells, 2 and 1; Everett bt Langmead, 2 and 1; King lost to J Payne (Sandilands), 2 holes; Tait halved with Cowgill; Bannerman bt Hewlett, 1 hole; C Ronald (Torrance House) halved with Hurring; Adam lost to Watson, 3 and 2; Elliot lost to Leconte, 4 and 3; Mackenzie lost to Cook, 1 hole; Henderson lost to Prosser, 1 hole. Singles result: Scotland 3, England 7.

No trouble for French connection

By a Special Correspondent

Geraldine Spencer, aged 17, a tall, slim French schoolgirl, played some of the best golf of her life to upstage the internationals from the four home countries and take the lead in the first qualifying round of the British girls' open amateur championship at Pyle and Kenfig, Porthcawl yesterday.

Spencer, from Paris, who did not make the matchplay stages at her first attempt at Barnham Broom, Norwich last August, had five birdies in a splendid 75 — one over par — and was one of the few competitors able to master the greens and overcome the difficult pin placings.

"I arrived here on Monday and had just one practice round and felt I was hitting the ball well and my short game was solid," said Spencer, who speaks excellent English.

She goes into the second and final qualifying round today one stroke clear of three English internationals — the reigning champion Helen Dobson, from Seacroft, Kirsty Speak, of Clitheroe, and Lisa Walton, of Calcot Park.

Dobson, who recently added the English girls title to her British championship, three-putted three times in her 76 but was quite content with her overall performance. "My aim is to get among the top four to have a good draw," she said.

Alison Johns, her Lincolnshire county colleague, who plays off a two handicap at Boston, seemed to be in trouble when she took 43 — six over par — to the turn but she came home in 34 — three below par.

RESULTS: 78: G Spencer (Fr). 76: K Speak (Clitheroe); H Dobson (Seacroft); L Walton (Calcot Park). 77: C Hall (Filton); A Johns (Boston); M Prest (H). 78: S Cavallari (It); M Fischer (WG); N Roughane (Woodbrook); A MacDonald (Andover); J Passmer (Sal). 79: J Thompson (Wiltshire); E Vilaqut (Sp); L McCool (Strabane). 80: S Mendiburu (Fr); M McKinley (Blairmore and Strone); M C Navarro (Sp); E Ratcliffe (Sandyway).

Clarke's future in balance

By Richard Streeton

THE OVAL (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire have scored 289 for eight wickets against Surrey

After the remarkable Worcestershire batting the previous day at Abergavenny, the new championship leaders seemed to suffer a reaction yesterday. They were kept thoroughly subdued by a Surrey attack lacking Sylvester Clarke, who was omitted for disciplinary reasons.

Clarke might even have played his last game for the county. The outcome of an inquiry by Surrey into Clarke's failure to appear at Swansea for a championship game with Glamorgan on August 6 will be announced today.

Clarke and the Surrey captain, Ian Greig, were called to a meeting with the Surrey executive last night. Clarke, who had a benefit last year, has been in similar trouble before.

Two other Surrey players, whose careers with the county might also be drawing to a close, are David Smith and Tony Gray, their second West Indian fast bowler.

Smith, a powerful left-hand batsman, had 10 years with Surrey starting in 1973 before he went to Worcestershire for three years after disagreements. He returned to Surrey last year, but fresh problems have arisen.

Both Smith and the club declined to say anything yesterday though talks are planned. Gray, troubled by injury this year, has only played one Sunday game. One suspects that he has become disenchanted and would not mind being released when Surrey review their playing contracts.

All these matters provided talking points as Worcestershire crawled along with uncharacteristic dullness. This should not take anything away from Greig's shrewd field placings or the left-arm spinner, Medlycott, who kept things on a tight rein as he completed 41 consecutive overs for two for 87.

Everyone, of course, wanted to see Hick. Feltham found extra pace to make his first ball to him lift and it struck the batsman on his jaw via a glove. Hick did a lot of prodding of the pitch.

Hick's second scoring stroke was a superb straight six against Bullen but at 16, off Bicknell, he edged a fast snick to Greig at first slip but the chance was spilled. Hick played several splendidly timed on-drives, but he also played and missed several times against Bicknell.

Those who watch him regularly felt he was not in tune with himself, and were not surprised when he tried to square cut a straight ball from Medlycott and was caught behind. His 41, with a six and six fours, was still the day's highlight.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis b Robinson	86
G J Lord c Richards b Feltham	13
G A Hick c Richards b Medlycott	41
S J O'Shaughnessy c Feltham b Robinson	30
*P A Neale b Feltham	38
M J Weston b Medlycott	14
†S J Rhodes run out	15
P J Newport not out	33
R K Illingworth b Bullen	3
R M Ellcock not out	0
Extras (lb 5, nb 13)	18
Total (8 wkts)	289

A P Pridgeon to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-109, 3-178, 4-199, 5-234, 6-238, 7-280, 8-288.
Score after 100 overs: 289-6.
SURREY: J D Robinson, D J Bicknell, A J Stewart, M A Lynch, D M Ward, †G J Richards, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, C K Bullen, M P Bicknell.
Bonus points: Surrey 4, Worcestershire 3.
Umpires: J D Bond and D G L Evans.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Middx v Somerset

UXBRIDGE (Somerset won toss): Middlesex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 248 runs behind Somerset

SOMERSET: First Innings

J J E Hardy c Brown b Emburey	25
N A Felton c Slack b Emburey	88
J G Wyatt b Emburey	0
S R Waugh b Tufnell	83
R J Bartlett c Carr b Tufnell	9
†N D Burns st Downton b Tufnell	7
*V J Marks b Cowans	34
G D Rose retired hurt	6
H P J Trump c and b Tufnell	2
N A Mallender not out	11
A N Jones c Emburey b Fraser	3
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total	275

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-38, 3-198, 4-208, 5-215, 6-216, 7-238, 8-266, 9-275.
BOWLING: Fraser 20.2-7-52-1; Cowans 19-8-36-1, Emburey 34-7-97-3; Tufnell 34-6-88-4.
Score after 100 overs: 270-8.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

J D Carr run out	0
W N Slack lbw b Mallender	1
K R Brown not out	13
A R C Fraser not out	10
Extras (w 1, nb 1)	2
Total (2 wkts)	26

M A Roseberry, *M W Gatting, M R Ramprakash, †P R Downton, J E Emburey, N G Cowans and P C R Tufnell to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-5.
Bonus points: Middlesex 3, Somerset 3.
Umpires: K J Lyons and R Palmer.

Sussex v Warwicks

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Warwickshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 289 runs behind Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Ratcliffe b Small	0
A M Green b Gifford	22
*P W G Parker b Gifford	79
A P Wells c Gifford b Munton	120
I J Gould c Thorne b Gifford	9
C M Wells c Tedstone b Munton	1
A C S Pigott not out	23
†P Moores c Thorne b Asif Din	8
A R Clarke st Tedstone b Asif Din	4
R A Bunting c Thorne b Asif Din	6
Extras (b 8, lb 19, nb 1)	28
Total (9 wkts dec)	300

A M Babington did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-49, 3-224, 4-236, 5-255, 6-261, 7-270, 8-280, 9-300.
BOWLING: Small 21-6-67-1; Merrick 9.2-1-30-0; Munton 23.4-2-53-2; Gifford 34-10-88-3; Asif Din 15-2-57-3.
Score after 100 overs: 287-8.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A C Stone not out	4
J D Ratcliffe not out	6
Extras (w 1)	11
Total (no wkt, 4 overs)	11

*T A Lloyd, Asif Din, D A Thorne, †G A Tedstone, S Myles, G C Small, T A Munton, A T Merrick and N Gifford to bat.
Bonus points: Sussex 3, Warwickshire 3.
Umpires: B J Meyer and B Leadbeater.

Derbys v Yorkshire

CHESTERFIELD (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 231 runs behind Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon b Malcolm	0
A A Metcalfe c O'Gorman b Warner	115
D Byas lbw b Malcolm	17
P E Robinson c Maher b Warner	10
K Sharp b Base	1
†R J Blakey c Maher b Base	38
*P Carrick c Goldsmith b Malcolm	10
A Sidebottom not out	51
S J Dennis c Barnett b Malcolm	0
C Shaw c Roberts b Holding b	24
S D Fletcher b Warner	8
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1, nb 18)	27
Total (87.2 overs)	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-55, 3-92, 4-94, 5-179, 6-216, 7-216, 8-216, 9-254.
BOWLING: Holding 23-5-81-1; Malcolm 23-5-78-4; Base 23-0-86-2; Warner 18.2-6-48-3.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett not out	56
P D Bowler c Sharp b Dennis	3
T J G O'Gorman c Blakey b Shaw	4
†B J M Maher not out	7
Total (2 wkts, 19 overs)	70

J E Morris, S C Goldsmith, B Roberts, A E Warner, M A Holding, S J Base and D E Malcolm to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-50.
Bonus points: Derbyshire 4, Yorkshire 4.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and D R Shepherd.

RUGBY UNION

Wood baffled by low profit

By Steve Acteson

Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) was surprised that New Zealand and Australia, the joint hosts, had made a profit of only $1.95 million (about £1.15 million) from the inaugural World Cup last year.

Wood expects much greater profits to be generated in 1991 when the second world tournament will be shared between the four home unions and France. Wood said: "It was the inaugural event but I expected them to make more than that and we expect to realize a good deal more."

Dick Littlejohn, who headed the New Zealand administration, said yesterday: "When you consider the scale of the event, a profit of this kind is puny. In time to come people will laugh at these figures."

New Zealand expect to receive some $845,000 in profit from the tournament featuring 16 nations and won by the All Blacks.

The RFU had already received a dozen enquiries from potential sponsors which had been passed on to the International Board to be placed before the organizing committee when it sits for the first time in March 1989. "I expect them to be inundated by would-be sponsors," Wood said.

The 1991 event will have four team pools, three of which will be played in England, Wales and Ireland. The other will be shared between Scotland and France.

The final will be at Twickenham, which will then have increased capacity from 65,000 to more than 70,000 through the redevelopment of the north end. Seating, already at 75 per cent, will also increase.

"We expect to make most of our money through the gates as a full house at Twickenham brings about £500,000. But we are considering spreading the games around the country to large grounds such as Leicester."

Other cash will accrue from the sale of television rights but England, Wales and Ireland stand to make the most profit. Wood said: "The host countries will keep gate receipts and revenue from local advertising. The remainder will go to a central fund to be divided between the participating countries. England's share last time was £46,000."

McGimpsey lifts his third title of season

By George Ace

Garth McGimpsey finished the domestic season in great style, winning the Irish close championship at Royal Portrush yesterday, defeating the Ulster Provincial player, David Mulholland, by 2 and 1 in the final. It was McGimpsey's third title this season. He has won the West and East championships.

The Bangor player was one over par and two up at the turn after taking three putts at the opening hole, which he lost to par. He levelled the match at the third, won the sixth in par and birdied the ninth to turn for home two up.

Mulholland, from Castlerock, was three over after nine but showed his fighting qualities when he holed from 30 feet for a birdie at the 10th, where McGimpsey missed from four feet to drop back to one up.

Mulholland took three putts from 40 feet for a bogey at the 13th, where McGimpsey's par was enough to put him again two up. The next four holes were halved. He was one over par when the match ended.

In the semi-finals Arthur Pierse, a former Walker Cup player from Tipperary, needed three putts on six occasions before losing at the 20th to Mulholland, who squared the match on the 18th green with a bogey five after Pierse held a four-hole advantage at the turn. McGimpsey beat David Jackson 6 and 5 in his semi-final.

SEMI-FINALS: G McGimpsey (Bangor) bt D Jackson (Clandeboye), 6 and 5; D Mulholland (Castlerock) bt A Pierse (Tipperary), at 20th. Final: McGimpsey bt Mulholland, 2 and 1.

IRELAND TEAM (for home internationals at Muirfield, September 6 to 9): N A Anderson (Shandon Park), M A Gannon (co Louth), N Goulding (Cork), P Hogan (Elm Park), K Kearney (Limerick), G McGimpsey (Bangor), L MacNamara (Woodbrook), D Mulholland (Castlerock), A D Pierse (Tipperary), E Power (Tramore), P Rayfus (Trim). Non-playing captain: G F Crosbie (Cork).

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FOOTBALL: CLUB WILL ALSO FINE PLAYER FOR MISDEMEANOUR IN WARM-UP

FA cracks whip on sent-off Hughes

Darren Hughes, the Port Vale full back who was sent off in a pre-season friendly, has been suspended for three games by the FA. Hughes will miss two third division games and a Littlewoods Cup match after his misdemeanour in a warm-up game against Spennymoor, the non-League side.

John Rudge, the Vale manager, said after yesterday's hearing: "It was probably a case of over-zealous refereeing. All that was needed was for the referee to call the two players together and that would probably have sorted things out."

"Darren is a tremendous prospect but he must learn to be a bit more disciplined. He will be fined by the club as well."

● Al-Ahly, the Egyptian club, will open the grass pitch at Loftus Road on Sunday afternoon when they Queen's Park Rangers. Al-Ahly have won the Egyptian League 11 times in the 12 years and include eight present internationals.

● Brentford are to give a trial to Wilfrid Agbonavbare, who has won six caps as goalkeeper for Nigeria. The west London club last week paid Tottenham £60,000 for Tony Parks, but still need a stand-by.

● Sheffield United have agreed to pay £40,000 to Kilmarnock for Ian Bryson, who is set to complete the formalities today. Wally Downes has been ruled out for the first three months of the season after breaking an ankle in a pre-season friendly against Sheffield Wednesday.

● Brian Miller, the Burnley manager, has been given a three-year contract.

● Crystal Palace must pay £240,000 for Jeff Hopkins. Fulham's Welsh international defender. A League tribunal set the fee yesterday after Fulham asked £400,000 and Palace offered £100,000.

Return to the big league

Steve Crowther, a one-legged footballer who used to play for Stockport County and Hartlepool United, will defy his handicap next month by playing in a charity match at the Stockport ground. He lost his right foot in an industrial accident 12 years ago and the opportunity to play at a League ground for the first time since then cropped up because of a challenge thrown down by Brendan Elwood, Stockport County's managing director, who plays for Hallam Old Boys, that was taken up by Crowther's own club, Hazelgrove Over-40s.

Davies steals thunder

Glyn Davies, the former Welsh international of Pontypool, produced a 67, six under par, and moved into a two-stroke lead on 138 at yesterday's half-way stage of the Peugeot PGA assistants' championship at Coventry (a Special Correspondent writes).

The best round of the tournament came after an inauspicious start to the day. "I had my car broken into and the stereo stolen in the city centre," Davies said. "Luckily, my clubs weren't in the car."

His flawless display matched the glorious conditions. The 1983 Welsh stroke-play champion started out with three birdies in the first four holes, completing the sequence when he hit a wedge shot to six inches. His further gains came at the long holes on the inward stretch.

John Oates (Dore and Totley), the Sheffield matchplay champion, moved into second place on 140.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: 138: G Davies (Pontypool), 71, 67; 140: J Oates (Dore and Totley), 71, 69; 142: A Stokes (Birchwood), 71, 71; E Wilson (Aycliffe), 73, 69; J Lutt (Surbiton), 72, 70; G Griffiths (Wrexham Park), 71, 71; M Stokes (Brentwood GC), 69, 73; 143: L Vannet (Bellister), 71, 72; 144: T Ashton (Huntercombe), 69, 75; W Guy (Buchanan Castle), 72, 72; C Platts (Three Rivers), 71, 73; P Lawrie (Banchory), 73, 71; J Annable (Walsall), 71, 73; P Talbot (Royal Mid-Surrey), 73, 71.

Warriors reign

Richmond-based London Warriors have won the Scottish Amicable National Baseball League, losing just one of their 10 games. Last season's champions, Lancashire Red Sox, finished second.

FOOTBALL: FA CUP WINNERS RUNNING OUT OF PATIENCE WITH THEIR CHAIRMAN'S EMPIRE-BUILDING

Hammam's fantasy leaves players cold

By Clive White

Contrary to accusations that he was slowly stripping the club of its assets, Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon managing director, yesterday claimed that he intended to build the small South London club into one of the biggest in England by the turn of the century. The £2million received for the sale of Beasant, Thorn and Gayle would be largely invested for the club's future, he said.

The players, however, have yet to be convinced of Hammam's intentions and met with the club's owner last night to discuss this and other grievances, including a bonus to which they feel they were entitled for winning the FA Cup last season. Lawrie Sanchez, who scored the goal which gave them the Cup against Liverpool last May, is, in common with all the players, alarmed by the sale of some of the club's best players.

"I've spent three and a half years here sweating blood and helping the club get up to the first division on £50 a week and here we are as the FA Cup final winners and we could see all that work destroyed," he said. "The players who have left have done so to secure their future. The club should have done that."

Sanchez said that he would meet personally with Bobby Gould, the manager, before the club's appearance in the FA Charity Shield against Liverpool at Wembley on Saturday to know "where I and the club stand". Sanchez, who hopes to take over the captaincy from Beasant, added: "There is no point in leading them down to the second division."

Hammam said that what he was trying to do was create a situation where the club would not have to sell its best players. "I don't want to lose another Beasant or a Gould — *he's my boy, I made him. This* club has never had to sell a single player in the eight consecutive seasons it has taken to get this far and we don't need to sell now. But we need to generate money from somewhere. I've got a fixation about it."

He stressed that it was impossible for a club like Wimbledon to challenge the likes of Liverpool on gates of 7,000. He proposes to either sell or lease Plough Lane and move the club to an 18-acre site at nearby Wanda Valley where it is expected that Merton Council will build a multi sports stadium.

He said that it would have cost the club half a million pounds a year to keep Beasant, who would have become a free agent within three years. "The board would have been crazy to do that," he said. If the worst happens, and Wimbledon were relegated, Hammam said at least they would be stronger financially.

"We intend to be among the biggest in England by the turn of the century. The real super league is going to include teams like Barcelona and Juventus and that is where I would like to view Wimbledon," he said.

It remains to be seen whether the players have the *patience to share Hammam's* optimism about a bright new future.

Brooke signs

Gary Brooke, the former Tottenham and Norwich City midfield player, has joined Wimbledon. Brooke, aged 27, left England to join Groningen in February 1987 and inspired them to a UEFA Cup place by winning the Dutch play-offs last season. He could make his debut for the FA Cup winners in the Charity Shield on Saturday against Liverpool at Wembley.

WIMBLEDON TRANSFERS: Out: D Beasant (to Newcastle United), £1 million; A Thorn (to Newcastle United), £250,000; B Gayle (to Manchester City), £225,000. In: G Brooke (from Groningen).



Reflections on a golden knuckle: Jones (centre) ponders the fates with Turner (left) and Miller (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Taylor holds cash from Aspinall sale

By Dennis Shaw

Aston Villa's transfer spending was yesterday put on temporary "hold" by Graham Taylor, the manager, who, after winning promotion, appealed for £2 million for signings.

The halt came when Taylor's sales income was lifted by the £315,000 transfer of Warren Aspinall to Portsmouth, who set a club record to pay for him.

Despite the popular theory that Taylor would need an urgent replacement, he decided to build up cash reserves for a subsequent import, possibly Aston Villa's most expensive.

"I'm happy to bank the Aspinall money for a while," he said. "I'm prepared to go into the season with my current squad of players. In fact, there may be another sale or two.

"I can top up the Aspinall fee and then go for a player I really want. I'm only interested in those of a certain quality."

Taylor specified the advances made in terms of the strength in depth of his squad since he took over.

"The situation is very different to a year ago, when I had to make signings for £150,000 here and there just to bring bodies into the place," he said.

"Now I don't have to dive into the market. I can afford to wait for a while and operate at a different level."

As a further means of attracting income to finance Taylor's team-building ambitions, Aston Villa are to charge £1 more at the turnstiles for what they describe as five "premium" fixtures, against Liverpool, Everton, Manchester United, Tottenham and Arsenal.

"It is in line with 50 per cent of the the first division clubs and with the pop world, where the bigger the artist the higher the admission price."

Dorigo out of first encounter

By Dennis Signy

Tony Dorigo, who strained a groin while training with England for the European Championship in West Germany in June, will miss Chelsea's opening game against Blackburn Rovers in the second division next Saturday.

Dorigo, who has been unable to train or play throughout Chelsea's pre-season build-up, has lost half a stone and been put on a body-building regime by Norman Medhurst, the Chelsea physiotherapist.

Despite Kerry Dixon, the forward, also nursing a groin injury, and Mike Hazard, the midfield player, having ankle injuries, Chelsea are unbeaten in seven games. Bobby Campbell, the manager, expects none of the trio to be fit to face Blackburn.

Campbell awaits a specialist's report on Steve Wicks, before discussing his future.

Molby's chance in defence

By Ian Ross

Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, was in philosophical mood *yesterday despite learning* that his side's defence of the League Championship they won with such distinction last season will have to open without the guile and experience of Alan Hansen.

The former Scottish international defender, aged 33, underwent surgery on his left knee on Tuesday night to repair damage sustained during a game in Spain last week and is unlikely to be available for first-team duty until the middle of October at the earliest.

The loss of the elegant Hansen is an enormous blow to Dalglish who could now decide to play Jan Molby, the Danish international midfield player, alongside Gary Gillespie at the heart of defence in Saturday's Charity Shield game against Wimbledon at Wembley and in the opening League fixtures. The alternative would be to secure a proven replacement — a distinct possibility bearing in mind the seriousness of Hansen's injury and his advancing years.

Dalglish would dearly love to *persuade Middlesbrough* to part with Gary Pallister, the youngster who was promoted to the full England international squad last year, but his numerous advances over the past 12 months have met little success.

Another possible replacement is Colin Hendry, the versatile Blackburn Rovers defender, aged 22, who earlier this week refused to sign a new contract *and intimated that he wished to* join a first division club.

But despite the mounting problems Dalglish insisted yesterday that he would not be panicked into spending money unnecessarily.

"It is the same situation here as it has always been. We do not buy players unless we really want them and are convinced that they are right for a particular job. We will be having a look at the situation over the coming weeks," Dalglish said.

"Alan has had a torn knee muscle repaired and will hopefully make a swift recovery."

Newport face expulsion

Newport County could be expelled from the GM Vauxhall Conference when the management committee meets in London today. The former fourth division club, who are without a home ground, are due to play their first Conference match away to Stafford Rangers on Saturday. Their first home match is scheduled for Tuesday against Kettering Town.

Peter Hunter, the Conference secretary, confirmed yesterday that Newport had still not contacted him to offer any assurances about their ability to *fulfil the coming season's fix*tures. County recently lost their Somerton Park ground when it was repossessed by Newport Borough Council for non-payment of £23,000 rent arrears.

Forwards take the honours

Forwards figure prominently in the 1988 *Rothmans Yearbook* awards, with John Aldridge, of Liverpool, Brian McClair, of Manchester United, and Steve Bull, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, among the six winners.

There are also awards for Middlesbrough, who gained promotion to the first division, Dave Beasant, the Wimbledon captain, who saved a penalty in the Cup Final, and Colin Murphy, who led Lincoln back into league football.

Aldridge was the leading first division scorer last season, with 26 goals, and Bull scored 52 goals as Wolverhampton were promoted from the fourth division. He was the first player *since 1960-61 to score more* than 50 goals in a season.

Middlesbrough appeared to have lost their chance of promotion after a good start to the season, but they won the play-offs.

BOXING

King has a dubious contract with Tyson

New York (AP) — Don King, the promoter, said yesterday he has a contract with Mike Tyson to promote the heavyweight champion's next fight.

Bill Cayton, Tyson's manager, said such a contract would be "null and void because under New York (state) rules, a fighter cannot sign a contract with a promoter, only a manager can".

King, who promoted Tyson's fights for the past two years, was left out of the champion's defence against Frank Bruno in London on October 8.

King declined to give details of his contract with Tyson.

"I don't want to get into who, where or when about the next fight, but I will promote it," King said. "I have a written contract."

King did not say when the contract was signed, but Tyson visited him earlier this week.

New York State Athletic Commission rules permit a boxer to sign with a promoter only if he has no manager of record. Richard Herring, executive deputy commissioner, said. Herring said the commission could make exceptions in such cases where a boxer maintains his manager has not attempted to get him bouts.

Boxing jurisdictions usually honour each other's rules.

Cayton said Tyson signed the contract to fight Bruno, and "the fight is definitely on".

"Bill is a manager, not a promoter," King said. "But he can be part of it. I will work with him."

King said Cayton had pulled away from him because of "rumours that were completely untrue that painted me as the bad guy".

TENNIS

Homespun look for the No. 2

From Barry Wood
Montreal

Martina Navratilova, the world's No. 2 women's player, has set up her own cottage industry to provide her playing wear. Her deal with Puma having expired after Wimbledon, she turned to those closest to her to provide an alternative. Her companion, Judy Nelson, has produced a range of designs and Nelson's mother sews the outfits, based mainly on brushed denim, together.

"I have picked out about six different colours and we may end up doing our own line because I have had a lot of compliments," Navratilova said after defeating Susan Mascarin 6-2, 6-2 in the second round of the Canadian Open.

No company has rushed forward to sign her. "Not only do they have to pay me but they have to spend a lot on promotion," she said. "They might pay me $100,000 a year but then have to pay about $1 million in advertising. My management company has been trying to find new deals but it is not that easy."

BOWLS

Polished show by Wilkins

By David Rhys Jones

The start of the Welsh singles championship at BSC Ebbw Vale yesterday brought success to David Wilkins, of Pontrhydyfen, one of the favourites for the title, but disappointment for another, Maldwyn Evans, of Gelli Park, the former world singles champion.

Evans, an elegant left-hander who beat David Bryant on his way to the world title at Worthing in 1972, was never able to build on that success.

Any aspirations he may have had of returning to top level bowls were quickly disposed of by Neil Carter, of Beaufort, who led 17-1 after 10 ends. Although Evans managed six singles over the next nine ends, Carter won 21-7.

Wilkins, who won the Welsh triples in 1986 and the pairs in 1987, has had scant recognition for his skill, having been selected to play for Wales only once — in 1984. He gave a thoroughly polished performance against Gwynant Ellis, from Aberystwyth, turning a 16-4 lead after 14 ends into a 21-11 victory after 23.

RESULTS: Singles: First round: N Carter (Beaufort) 21, M L Evans (Gelli Park) 7; A Applegate (Ely Valley) 21, W Weale (Pressdene) 19; P Howells (Haverfordwest) 21, M Bishop (Brynhyfryd) 17; J R Ellis (St Fagans) 21, I Terry (Tick Tock) 20; S Evans (Guest Memorial) 21, L Webley (Barry Athletic) 12; M Samuel (Abergavenny) 21, M Weaver (Montgomery) 20; J Forey (Brynhyfryd) 21, A Wason (St Fagans) 12; D Wilkins (Pontrhydyfen) 21, G T Ellis (Aberystwyth) 11. Triples: Machynlleth bt Llandovery, 21-11; Aberavon bt Caldicot, 20-12; Carmarthen bt St Fagans, 22-12; Brynhyfryd, Llanelli bt Barry Plastic, 25-10. Fours: Brecon bt Newtown, 24-16; Penhill, Cardiff bt Kidwelly, 18-8; Loughor bt Dinas Powis, 25-16; Abergavenny bt Queens Road, Aberystwyth, 22-21; Merthyr West End bt Haverfordwest, 28-18.

Second title for Belgrave pair

By Gordon Allan

Paul Clarke and John Stephenson, of Belgrave, Leicester, who won the triples last Saturday, completed a remarkable double when they won the Woolwich EBA pairs championship at Worthing yesterday. In the final they beat Peter Goulding and Brett Morley, of Plessey, Nottingham, 17-14.

Belgrave's achievement comes a year after David Holt became the first man to win two titles — the singles and pairs — in one week at these championships. Clarke, along with Tony Allcock, who at that time played for Belgrave, lost the pairs final in 1979; Goulding and Geoff Berrington won it for Plessey three years earlier.

Plessey led only once in the final: 8-7 after 11 ends. Stephenson more than held his own with Morley, an England lead, and Clarke continued to show the delicate skill and coolness under fire that earned him an England place seven years ago.

Goulding trailed the jack for two shots on the twentieth end to make the score 16-14. On the 21st, he and Morley established a promising position, but Clarke came in for the master shot with his third bowl and Goulding failed to reach it.

Tony Allcock and Len Cooper went out in the semi-finals, 28-9 to Belgrave. Stephenson was more consistent than Cooper, and Clarke was brilliant.

The rub of the green did not favour the Cheltenham pair. Good bowls often produced bad results — a tribute to the positional play of Stephenson and Clarke.

The other semi-final was closer, Morley and Goulding beating Tim Rose and Mick Willis 21-13. The Wantage pair led 13-12 with three ends left, then dropped fours on the nineteenth and twentieth. At 16-13 on the twentieth a drive by Willis that, if successful, would have turned four down into three up, missed the jack by an inch.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: P Clarke and J Stephenson (Belgrave) bt A Allcock and L Cooper, 28-9; P Goulding and B Morley (Plessey, Nottingham) bt T Rose and M Willis (Wantage), 21-13. Final: Clarke and Stephenson bt Goulding and Morley, 17-14.

EQUESTRIANISM

First blood to Spain

Luis Cervera, a member of the Spanish Olympic show jumping team, won the Van Nelle prize on Mirage Mexicain in the first grand prix qualifier at Rotterdam yesterday (Findlay Davidson writes).

None of the British competitors got into the jump-off, preferring perhaps to save their energies for later in the week, when they are up against eight other teams in the Nations Cup.

Stefan Schewe, a winner at Olympia in the past, gave Germany a double in the first two classes, taking the Tourism prize on Otto before winning the Van Hecke power and speed competition, on Wilster.

CYCLING

Doyle kept in dark by BCF policy

By Peter Bryan

Tony Doyle arrived in Ghent, Belgium, last night for this year's world championship where he hopes to achieve his third professional pursuit title. But the British Cycling Federation has yet to confirm that he will compete in the 5,000 metres pursuit and also the points race. Shaun Wallace, the former world 1km record-holder, returns from the United States as Britain's No. 2 to Doyle.

Doyle, who won the bronze in the pursuit last year and then went on to win a silver medal in the points race, has his first championship ride on Tuesday. Jon Walshaw, second to Doyle in the British pursuit championship and winner of this year's omnium title, will also ride the points race in Belgium.

Almost a fortnight after the national championship, the BCF has finally announced that Nick Lett and Nigel Brown, the winner and runner-up in Leicester, will take part in the amateur one-hour motor-paced event. This pair could form the vanguard of a British resurgence in this discipline.

Yet last night the BCF remained tight-lipped over the 12 riders chosen for the professional road race at Renaix next Sunday. "Selections will be announced on Sunday," a BCF official said. He added that the professional racing committee made the decision.

Malcolm Elliott, winner of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain and Joey McLoughlin, his runner-up, have both returned to Europe not knowing whether they are in Britain's squad.

GOLF

Descampe faces a tough double act

From Patricia Davies, Gothenburg

The golfing world has long been aware that the game is flourishing in Sweden and a look at the starting sheet for today's first round of the Gothenburg Open, at Delsjö, confirms the boom. Twenty-six of the 92 competitors are Swedish and 20 of those 26 are professionals. Generally they confine themselves to their home tour and they relish the prospect of competing against more cosmopolitan opposition for the sizeable purse of £60,000.

One of their number is Liv Wollin, finalist in the British amateur championship at Woodhall Spa in 1980 and a professional for five years. She combines her golf with her job as a teacher which, she says, ensures her of a regular income. Having represented Sweden in the Espirito Santo Trophy no fewer than 10 times, she felt, rightly, she had little left to achieve as an amateur. She also wanted to devote more time to her daughter and a semi-professional career fitted the bill.

Renowned for her idiosyncratic habit of lying full length on the green to line up her putts, she said wryly that while she is still prone to fall flat, at the age of 43, she finds it harder to get up.

Another person who may find it a little difficult to pick herself up this week is Florence Descampe, the young Belgian, who won in Denmark last week. She admitted she really wanted to go home to celebrate her *unexpected victory* with her family but realized the demands of her new professional career prevented that.

Aged 19, she has huge potential, according to Peggy Conley, the experienced and shrewd American who partnered her in the last round on Sunday and reckoned she had the charisma of a Nancy Lopez.

A billing like that is hard to live up to and no one is expecting Descampe to win this week.

SHOOTING

Winch a clear leader

Gordon Winch, of the Edinburgh University Alumni Rifle Club, the former Scottish rifle champion, remained on course at Bisley yesterday for the grand aggregate, the overall championship of the National Smallbore Rifle Association meeting (our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

With two events to go he has scored 1,583 points out of a possible 1,600, putting him nine in front of Andrew Campbell, of *Bedford, who is one point* ahead of Clifford Ogle, the British champion, who had been level with Winch the previous day. The main competition now appears to be for the runners-up medal.

Winch, emerging as one of Britain's top small-bore marksmen, is likely to be announced today as the winner of the 50 metres championship.

YACHTING

Cup rules pose a challenge

By Barry Pickthall

As the America's Cup match between New Zealand's monohull and the sleeker American catamaran in San Diego nears, two separate meetings are scheduled to decide the future of the event.

On one side, Michael Fay, the Auckland banker, is calling on Alan Bond, whose Australian syndicate lost the Cup in Fremantle last time, and Peter de Savary, the Blue Arrow head of the British challenge, to throw their weight behind his fight in the New York Supreme Court to ensure that the Cup remains challenger driven.

"If we leave matters as they stand, the holders will always be able to dictate the terms for what should be a challenger driven event," Fay said yesterday. "De Savary and Bond are excluded from this year's contest as Sail America persistently refused other challengers until it was too late for anyone to build a qualified entrant. We need to review how and why they were locked out and to find ways to ensure that challengers are never again treated this way."

Counterbalancing that is the view of members of the 12-metre class association, whose yachts were kept out of the Cup by Fay's challenge in a 90ft waterline monohull. Strong voices within this group, which include Graham Walker, plan to meet before the races next month in an effort to find a consensus for a lightweight 85ft America's Cup class yacht. He hopes the design rule for this class to be brought in, if not for the 1991 match, then for the next event in 1995.

HOCKEY

South adds to the Italian connection

By Steve Acteson

*British hockey's Italian connec*tion has been further strengthened by the announcement that the world's largest league, the South League, is to be sponsored under the name of Italy's biggest selling beer, Peroni.

The money, £30,000 over three years, will come from Birritalia, the importers of Peroni and a subsidiary of the London fast-food chain, Pizza Express, who sponsor the London League.

The 220-club South League has a thirsty reputation to uphold. It was sponsored for 13 years by the brewers, Truman, and for the past three years by McEwans Lager. The league has heavy overheads and the printing of fixture cards alone costs £2,500 a year.

The formation of the 32-club *National League is a pointer to* the rapid advances the domestic game is making, very much in the wake of Great Britain's successes.

Individual club sponsorship aside, hockey now attracts about £500,000 a year, with the British Airways Poundstretcher company providing £360,000 of that over three years to support the National League.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: California Angels 15, New York Yankees 6; Oakland A's 8, Baltimore Orioles 3; Seattle Mariners 7, Boston Red Sox 0; Cleveland Indians 6, Milwaukee Brewers 5 (10 innings); Minnesota Twins 4, Detroit Tigers 1; Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto Blue Jays 4; Texas Rangers 5 Kansas City Royals 4. National League: Cincinnati Reds 6, Chicago Cubs 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, Atlanta Braves 2; St Louis Cardinals 3, Houston Astros 0; San Diego Padres 5, Montreal Expos 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 7, Philadelphia Phillies 5; New York Mets 13, San Francisco Giants 8.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Czechoslovakia 29, Switzerland 2.

SCOTTISH AMICABLE NATIONAL LEAGUE: London Warriors 20, Nottingham Knights 10; Humberside County Bears 3, Lancashire Red Sox 8; Mersey Mariners 9, Southern Tigers 12.

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct	GB
London Warriors	9	1	.900	—
Lancashire Red Sox	7	3	.700	2
Humberside County Bears	6	4	.600	3
Mersey Mariners	5	5	.500	4
Southern Tigers	4	6	.400	5
Nottingham Knights	0	10	.000	9

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON: Liverpool Victoria Insurance women's national championships: Pairs: Preliminary round: L Wright and J Daniels (Newnham, Cambridge) bt R Wilcock and E Crediand (Camborne), 20-19; B Rogg and M Osborne (Sherwood, Notts) bt R Backhouse and P Ward (Harborough, Leicester), 25-12; S Logan and J Croker (Imperial, Bristol) bt S Clegg and P Small (Bristol St Andrews), 23-13; F Page and B Gooden (Southwick, Brighton) bt K Hirst and J Measures (Henlow Park, Bedford), 16-15. First round: C Keeble and E Hodges (Hertford) bt J Jones and C Swan, (Bolton), 23-8; M Carter and J Tappin (Wimborne) bt A Burke and B Clatsbanbie (Bristol St Andrews), 26-18; M Kelly and D Stanton (Croydon) bt J Martin and A Lincoln (Harlow), 18-13; W Godfrey and S Pollard (Carlton Conway, Notts) bt M Norris and B Bray (Carlisle), 27-15; B Frost and R Warren (Rodley, Leicester) bt E Knight and S Warburton (Weobley, Hereford), 18-11; N May and V Ireland (West Cornwall) bt M Brumby and C Angel (Peterborough), 21-18; J McPhee and P Poole (Cripplegate, Worcester) bt N Arrell and E Halling (Woodcock Park, Kenton), 18-11; A Tucker and D Fletcher (Fleet United) bt M Charnock and W Dawes (Worthing), 20-17; M Buckby and S Parker (Kettering) bt P Benford and P Proud (Cowes), 18-18; P Coard and W Alexson (Penrith, Swindon) bt H. Coverid and N Hoe (Wisanng), 22-14; K Bridges and B Grimrod (Woodford) bt P Jacks and B Johnson (Lullington, Leamington), 20-13; M Elliott and M Wellington (Kingsbridge) bt J Heslop and J Quilter (Barnard Castle), 25-7; M Smith and B Tricker (Roundwood, Ipswich) bt B Towler and S McRae (Hull), 19-12; M Bird and S Jones (Bridport) bt A Gordon and E West (Bettingham), 24-17; P Wilson and J Rimmer (Torquay) bt M Brooks and B Parfoot (Windsor and Eton), 18-15; M Little and J McCluskey (Middlesbrough) bt A Southcott and E Deane (Bembridge), 20-12; A Bramwell and J Mawson (Heaton Hall, Manchester) bt D Colbey and M Smith (Lowestoft), 24-20; M Flack and E French (Cambridge) bt D Young and J Bryant (Brokenhurst), 24-14; S Francis and M Atkinson (Palmers Green) bt C Bracey and P Freeborn (Pangbourne), 28-18; A Dennis and C Branchett (Milton Regis) bt P Wheale and M Baker (Chippenham), 16-14; C Davidson and C McGrail (Denmark Hill) bt L Jones and S Cross (Wolvey, Warwicks), 26-14; G Winstone and S Rogers (Oxford) bt B McNeel and L Peel (Blyth), 19-18; E Roger and A Bridge (Burnham, Bucks) bt S Franklin and J Tompleson (Tennigton St John, Norfolk), 23-13; D Pollard and M Adams (Lincoln) bt A Reeves and R Richardson (Carlisle), 19-18; M Kelsey and V Butterfield (Hatfield) bt M Jones and D Hall (Weston-super-Mare), 30-10; N Johnstone and W Lamb (Newcastle) bt R Thornton and S Taylor (Northampton), 27-12; T Tyler and O Dalfem (Redditch) bt S Thomas and G Eley (Leominster), 25-22; E Goodley and R Buck (Acle St Edmunds, Norfolk) bt J Barson and J Downing (Headington), 15-14; E Crampson and P Nash (Wandower) bt P Summerfield and P Gibbs, (Pinnock, Beds) 16-14; E Johnson and N Shaw (Stockton-on-Tees) bt S Dimbleby and B Smith (Bourne), 17-7.

WORTHING: Woolwich EBA national pairs championship: Quarter-finals: J Stephenson and P Clarke (Belgrave, Leics) bt R Nicholls and E Hetland (Chandler's Park, Bucks), 24-5; L Cooper and A Allcock (Cheltenham) bt C Fowkes and D Wade (Kingsthorpe, Northepres), 26-11; T Rose and M Willis (Wantage, Berks) bt B Wiggins and K Eamhrolt (Marlborough, Suffolk), 33-20; K Morley and P Goulding (Plessey, Notts) bt W Maddison and R Ramage (Dean and Chapter, Durham), 22-14.

FOOTBALL

SKOL CUP: Second round: Albion Rovers 2, Hamilton Academical 4; Dumbarton Rovers 1, St Mirren 3 (aet; score at 90 mins: 1-1); Meadowbank 2, Stirling Albion 1; Partick Thistle 0, Dundee United 2 (aet; score at 90mins: 0-0).

OTHER MATCHES: Birmingham City 0, Arsenal 4; Harrow Borough 2, West Ham United 1; Manchester United 0, Hamburg SV 0.

COLIN PATES TESTIMONIAL: Chelsea 0, Tottenham Hotspur 0 (attendance: 8,379).

SWISS LEAGUE: Young Boys 0, Lucerne 2.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Cologne 1, Bocum 0.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Poole 55, Middlesbrough 31.

BRITISH LEAGUE: Bradford 41, Reading 49

MILTON KEYNES: Craig Featherby Memorial: 1, A Galvin (Hackney), 14; 2, T Butler (Milton Keynes), 13; 3, S Regeling (Exeter), 12; 4, K Jolly (Wimbledon), 12. (after run off).

TENNIS

CINCINNATI: ATP championship (US unless stated): Men's singles first round: J Rive bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-4, 7-5; A Chesnokov (USSR) A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, M Chang bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-2, 7-5; R Curren bt R Acuna (Chile), 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt D Cahill (Aus), 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; P Lundgren (Swe) bt R Segura, 6-4, 6-3; D Goldie bt J Stolenberg (Aus), 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; T Wilkison bt R Leach 7-5, 6-3; M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Rees 6-4, 6-2; P Aldrich (SA) bt K Flach, 6-1, 2-6, 6-3, G Muller (SA) bt A Olkhovskir (USSR), 6-4, 7-5, C Limsorger (Aus) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 3-6, 6-1, 7-6; J Connors bt D Cassidy, 6-4, 6-1; B Gilbert bt P Sampras, 6-4, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt A Castle (GB), 6-3, 6-1.

TORONTO: Canadian Open (US unless stated): Women's first round: H Kelesi (Can) bt C Sure (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; C Basuki-Segusso (Can) bt K Adams, 6-1, 6-2; Z Garrison bt G Mito (Fr), 6-1, 6-2; J Helland (Fr) bt S Gomer (GB), 6-2, 6-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; B Cordwell (NZ) bt B Bowes, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; M Torres bt B Nagelsen, 6-4, 6-0; I Demongeot (Fr) bt J Hetherington (Can), 6-4, 6-2 Second round: M Navratilova bt S Mascarin, 6-2, 6-2; N Zvereva (USSR) bt I Kuczynska (Pol), 6-1, 6-2; P Sramer bt E Kragi (Switz), 6-4, 6-2; N Provis, (Aus) bt M Van Nostrand, 6-2, 6-7, 7-5, G Sabatini (Arg) bt S Marrin, 6-2, 6-4, S Hanika (WG) bt J Richardson (NZ), 6-2, 6-1.

GOLF

LANGLAND BAY: Welsh under-15 boys' championship: Second round: 148: S Rees (Carmarthen). 152: C Sheppard (Southernwood). 158: Y Taylor (Brynna). 163: G James (St Dawid's City). 164: L Warne (Cyrnmau). 166: S Clausen. 168: L Harpin (Maesdu), J Coombes (Whitchurch), R James (Carmarthen), W Daley (Coombe Hill).

CYCLING

ALMELO: Tour of The Netherlands: First stage (Groningen to Almelo, 125 miles): 1, W Arras (Bel), 5hr 11min 26 sec; 2, P Peeters (Neth), 3, W Veenstra (Neth), both same time. Overall leaders (including prologue): 1, J Talen (Neth), 5hr 16min 45sec; 2, J Hiljdam (Neth), at 0:06; 3, Maine, same time.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colorado: Coors Classic: Ninth stage (75 miles, US unless stated): 1, A McCormick (Ire), 2hr 56min 28sec; 2, A Knickman, same time; 3, P Wilches (Col), at 3:38. Overall leaders: 1, A Speca (Can), 29hr 40min 54sec; 2, Phinney, at 1:04; 3, B Whitesell, at 3:41. Women's first stage (44 miles, US unless stated): 1, M Harris, 1hr 45min 07sec; 2, I Benedict, at 1:20; 3, S Zack, at 2:48. Overall leaders (including prologue): 1, Harris, 1hr 52mn 13sec; 2, Benedict, at 0:41; 3, Zack, at 2:29.

No team challenge

The women's world team challenge, due to be held at Broome Park Golf Club in October, has been cancelled because damage to the course caused by the hurricane last autumn has not been repaired.

Richest prize

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) — Malaysia will host the world's richest badminton tournament from December 15 to 18, offering $150,000 (about £87,500) in prize-money, organizers said yesterday.

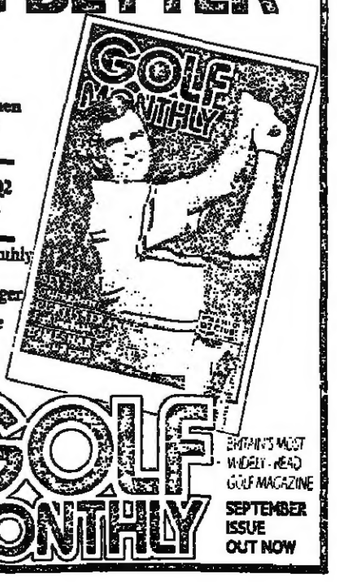
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Reynolds breaks Evans' record after 20 years

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Zurich

Harry "Butch" Reynolds ran 43.29 seconds to remove one of the oldest yet best world records in the book at the Weltklasse meeting here last night. Reynolds, who has been a world class athlete for only the last 18 months, got under 44sec for the first time at the United States Olympic trials in Indianapolis last month. And he promised that when he came to Europe, with some reasonable weather, he would be going for Lee Evans' 43.86sec, set with the aid of altitude at the Olympic Games in Mexico City in 1968.

Evans' record has defied anyone in the interim to get anywhere near it. But when Reynolds, from Ohio State University, the alma mater of Jesse Owens, emerged last year as the number one on times, if not ultimately at the world championship, he was immediately earmarked as the man who could take Evans' mark off the list.

Reynolds was helped to do so last night by Innocent Egbunike. The Nigerian, who beat Reynolds in Rome last summer, blasted out of his blocks in the lane outside Reynolds, and sprinted suicidally for himself but serving as a pacemaker for Reynolds over the first 200 metres. Reynolds took over on the crown of the straight and won by over 10 metres from Steve Lewis, his American Olympic colleague.

If money talks, it also provokes a lot of talk. And most of it was very heated yesterday morning, when a selection of United States and British athletes, led by Willie Banks and including Linford Christie and Colin Jackson gathered to express their distaste over the amount of money that Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis were earning in comparison to themselves.

For example, Johnson and Lewis the world's two top sprinters were due to share $500,000 for their 100 metres here last night. And Christie, European No. 1 and fourth in the world last year, was only getting £3,000 in the same race.

The discussion got as far as mention of a strike, until Andreas Brügger was called in to explain that the bonanza was coming from television, and that he was "paying Johnson and Lewis exactly the same as they have got for their last three meetings".

That is believed to be $25,000 each. Brügger then went on to explain that the huge amount of money ultimately benefited the sport and all the athletes in it because of the publicity it brought. And the crisis passed.

A much more insidious one was the strong rumour of five South Africans circulating among the athletes trying to sign them up for meetings in the Republic. It seems as if some South Africans, tired of the continued proscription of their country from the Olympics and all international athletics meetings are retaliating in the only way they know. No one is yet believed to have signed up, due doubtless to the fact that they would never be able to compete again elsewhere afterwards.

Francesco Panetta is coming into form right on schedule for the Olympic Games. The Italian world steeplechase champion made a break after only two of the sevn laps and a half, and ran away to win in 8min 16.06sec.

Derek Redmond's form is improving at the right time. For Redmond won the B 400 metres in his best time of the season, 44.68sec.

Evelyn Ashford won the women's A sprint in 11.03sec. But her thunder was stolen by Juliet Cuthbert, of Jamaica, who won the B race in 10.97sec.

Felke searches for new route to gold

East Berlin (Agencies) — Petra Felke, the East German who will pose the biggest threat to Fatima Whitbread and Tessa Sanderson in the Olympic Games, has altered her run-up and strengthened her throwing arm in an attempt to beat her javelin rivals from Britain.

The East German holds the world record but has had to settle for silver behind Whitbread in the last two major championships, the 1986 European and the 1987 world. Felke is unbeaten in 1988 with a series of throws over 70 metres, including the second best ever, 78.14 metres.

"I can still add something in training," the sports student, aged 29, said. "It's essential if I don't want to be second again in Seoul." She has put herself under intense pressure since the Rome disappointment, a defeat she took with typical good grace.

Felke's new approach emerged after she and her coach, Karl Hellmann, analysed her approach using video recordings and decided drastic action was needed to steady her arm. "A potential Olympic champion has to do very well and eradicate these mistakes," she said.

"So I practically started from scratch again and did other sports to help. I had some problems with the technique — the movement felt restricted — and I had to work on that. "I used long-distance running or jogging and also did long jumps, sprints and even hurdles."

Felke could cope easily with the medley of disciplines because she started her athletics career at a sports school, training as a heptathlete. "I was not good enough at the high jump," she recalled. "But I was quite good at throwing balls, although I could not manage the discus or shot, so we decided to try javelin."

Smith's 32,000-mile challenge

By Barry Pickthall

The Whitbread Round the World yacht race began life in 1972 as the ultimate adventure with the storm-tossed seas of the Southern Ocean and lure of Cape Horn as the principal attractions for marathon men in the mould of Robin Knox-Johnston, Eric Tabarly and Chay Blyth.

Four races later, this classic is attracting a very different breed — Olympic sprinters who have honed their skills on inshore courses for world championships and the America's Cup. Now the lure is an exciting out-and-out boat race between as many as 13 maxi yachts, driven to the limits around a 32,000-mile course, in which Cape Horn just happens to be a marker.

And, for the first time, Britain, which once dominated the oceans when grit and determination rather than money were the dominant factors, is in the running.

The man at the helm is Lawrie Smith, aged 32, Britain's Olympic Soling class representative, who is steering the ship of a seemingly bottomless challenge funded by Rothmans, the tobacco giant.

Yesterday, this former world class dinghy champion, who has seen service in three America's Cup campaigns was overseeing the finishing touches to the lines of an 80ft design drawn to win line honours by Rob Humphreys, the Lymington-based architect.

Now, as construction commences on the hi-tech carbon stiffened composite structure at the Paragon yard at Totnes in Devon, the emphasis is on producing the lightest maxi to-date. "One big advantage we have over our competition is that being last to build, we gain from the latest developments in the fast moving world of composite technology," Humphreys said yesterday.



Round the world in a hi-tech yacht: Lawrie Smith (left) with architect Robert Humphreys

This was confirmed by Paragon's master moulder, Rob Lipsett, who with partner Adrian Thompson are confident they can produce a boat with a better distribution of weight and pitching moment than Windward Passage, the latest Australian super-yacht, which beat a world class fleet of maxis at the Kenwood Cup, off Hawaii, last week.

The changes to the course for next year's race to avoid the anti-apartheid protests that accompanied the previous halt at Cape Town and to awaken American interest with a stop at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, places a much stronger emphasis on down-wind performance.

Smith and Humphreys have spent the past month studying weather patterns, and decided against the ketch rig configuration favoured by their New Zealand and Swedish competitors.

"Various estimates show only 10-15 per cent of the race will be upwind. I think it may be more than that, so we have decided to go for a fractional rig instead," Lawrie Smith explained yesterday.

Now the Olympic sailor is concentrating on drawing up a 15-strong team of fellow British sprinters and already has a core group of willing hands. These include Paul Standbridge, the bowman on White Crusader, Britain's last America's Cup yacht, who is joining up for a second bite at this circumnavigation after sailing aboard Padda Kuttel's maxi, Atlantic Privateer, during the last Whitbread.

Three other veterans are Ed Danby, Russell Pickthall and Niel Cheston who have all gone on to gain considerable experience racing on top American maxis, along with Malcolm Lee and Alex Watson, who have sailed with Smith in previous Admiral's Cup and America's Cup campaigns.

Rothmans will be launched in March, then worked up across the Atlantic before facing her competition in a trans-Atlantic dash to Cork and the Seahorse maxi series at Cowes before the event starts from Southampton on September 2, 1989.

ROTHMANS' PRINCIPLE DIMENSIONS: Overall length: 80.75ft. Beam: 19.6 ft. Displacement: 59,750lbs. Sail area: 3,765 sq ft. Draught: 12.4ft.

END COLUMN

Leaders with style are needed

Where have all the leaders of British sport gone? With sport after sport reeling from crisis to crisis, that is a major and urgent question. Cricket, football, athletics, the Sports Council itself ... They, and others, all have had their administration under attack from inside and outside.

Where should leadership come from: individuals or organizations or both? What contribution has the institution of a Minister for Sport made in this field? The Minister, of course, speaks only for Government on matters appertaining to sport; in image terms, he must be careful that firmness is not interpreted as dictation and diplomacy as weakness.

Denis Howell, recognised as the most successful holder of this office, had the knack of saying today what sport was about to say tomorrow. He had an uncanny rapport with sports bodies. Colin Moynihan, in spite of his sports pedigree and frenetic enthusiasm, has not yet acquired the same empathy.

This was apparent when he addressed the Central Council of Physical Recreation's annual meeting, where his audience, many of whom would not have batted an eyelid about the privatization of a nationalized industry, was solidly against the proposal about private sector management of leisure centres.

Ambivalence abounds

What contribution has the Sports Council made in this field? While the council's record in many areas is commendable, taking a firm line on major issues is not one of them (except for drugs). Ambivalence abounds and prime examples are the 1980 Olympic boycott (of which I had first-hand experience), the sale of school playing fields, and privatizing the management of leisure centres. It is now obvious that the Sports Council is described erroneously in its Royal Charter "as independent"; it is unlikely to oppose the Government on major policy issues.

The outstanding example of firm leadership in sport in the post-war era is that of the British Olympic Association (BOA), which resisted unprecedented pressure from the Government to boycott the 1980 Olympic Games, and a British team competed in Moscow. That decision did this country a power of good internationally and helped the Olympic movement survive a major crisis. Sir Denis Follows, the BOA chairman, was afterwards a revered figure in Olympic circles.

Dominant personalities do not, however, appear to be emerging now. Has the mould been broken or have potential leaders been smothered by the bureaucracy of sport? The outstanding leaders of the past were often benevolent dictators. In some cases, they emerged from an autocratic background; in others, whatever may have been lacking in lineage was made up for in personality and know-how.

Took game by the scruff of neck

Sir Stanley Rous, although a paid servant of the Football Association, took the game by the scruff of the neck domestically and, eventually, internationally. Another outstanding leader with moral courage was Hermon David, chairman of the All England Lawn Tennis Club, and one of the architects of open tennis. And there were others of that era who made outstanding contributions.

Can we afford to wait for the accidental emergence of future leaders? There are those who say that leaders are born and not made; that view is, however, too simplistic to be accepted. In industry it has long been recognised that training can improve on natural gifts. Are we encouraging the right people to become involved in sports administration?

Sport is increasingly complex in technical, social, educational and political terms. The place of the professional needs to be re-examined in terms of quality and quantity. Those responsible for their appointment must realise that at best they must influence as well as implement policy.

Leaving aside political considerations, maybe sport could learn a lesson from the Downing Street operation!

Emlyn Jones
A former Director General of the Sports Council

Bond cheers Oval with £100,000 donation

By Richard Streeton

A tidal wave of Australian beer threatens to engulf The Oval and Surrey County Cricket Club are benefitting from every drop. Alan Bond, the Australian, whose companies include Castlemaine XXXX, yesterday donated £100,000 to the Save The Oval appeal.

Last weekend Surrey disclosed a £2 million sponsorship deal, which, if members approve at a special meeting on Wednesday, will lead to The Oval being re-named for 15 years the Foster's Oval, after the Australian lager.

Bond's Corporation, sponsored the last Australian tour to England and have close links with Australian cricket and his cheque was presented to Sir Michael Sandberg, the Surrey president, by Murray Quartermaine, the international vice-president of Bond Brewing. Surrey responded by making Bond an honorary life member.

The likeliest outsiders in an uncommonly open year

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

LYTHAM (Nottinghamshire won the toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 272 runs against Lancashire

It was on this pleasingly rural ground in affluent, villagy Lytham that Lancashire launched last season's remarkable charge for the title. After six successive wins they missed out by four points to yesterday's opponents, who have so far again had the better of the dealings between two clubs who still believe this year's championship is within reach.

Nottinghamshire's 272, of which the last three wickets contributed 102, may prove better than it looks on a pitch already offering help to seam and spin alike. It is far better than the surface here a year ago, when 177 was the highest score of the game, but by tomorrow afternoon it may not be conducive to chasing a big target.

If Nottinghamshire scored 50 runs more than the conditions warranted, they profited as much from wayward bowling as from the depth and diligence of their batting. Without Wasim Akram, Lancashire relied on the persevering Allott and their potentially match-winning spinners. Sadly, neither Simmons nor Folley could maintain a consistent length and anything dropped short was fodder.

Akram saw a specialist yesterday and has been advised that rest is the only cure for his groin strain. Alan Ormrod, the county coach, took the news grimly. "How would Worcestershire feel if they lost Hick?" he reasoned. If Akram cannot play again this season, Lancashire's title resources may lack inspiration.

Nottinghamshire remain the likeliest outsiders, a contingency to confound most people in the game. They lost six of their first eight matches and then, just as the worst seemed over, they suffered an internal uprising which ended in Chris Broad's suspension. These are not orthodox preparations for an assault on the title but this is no ordinary year, the race being uncommonly open.

Since June 7 Nottinghamshire have won five and drawn four of nine games, the country's most effective attack, Stephenson and Cooper, belatedly finding the support of resilient batting. They are still 50 points off the lead but after this match three of their last four will be at Trent Bridge. A win here could set them up for something unexpected.

Broad and Robinson now at least appear in harmony while batting, although the match programme was exaggerating their brotherhood by transposing the biographies beneath their photographs. They coped manfully against the bounce and movement of the new ball but the two-paced pitch eventually claimed them both.

Johnson was brutal on the short ball, Randall perky as ever until Folley made one turn and bounce. Birch's innings was invaluable, if unmemorable, but it was the eighth-wicket stand of 73 between the unsung Evans and Scott which inflated the total to a level Lancashire may find uncomfortable.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Allott b Austin	17
*R T Robinson c and b Allott	19
P Johnson c Fowler b Simmons	38
D J R Martindale c Allott b Austin	2
D W Randall c Allott b Folley	28
J D Birch c Hughes b Watkinson	48
F D Stephenson c Hegg b Folley	17
K P Evans c Hegg b Allott	35
†C W Scott lbw b Simmons	40
E E Hemmings c Hegg b Allott	9
K E Cooper not out	13
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-49, 3-51, 4-79, 5-134, 6-170, 7-170, 8-243, 9-251.
BOWLING: Allott 27.5-7-62-3; Watkinson 18-3-53-1; Austin 15-5-42-2; Simmons 24-4-56-2; Folley 17-3-53-2.
Score after 100 overs: 264-8.
LANCASHIRE: G D Mendis, G Fowler, M A Atherton, N H Fairbrother, M Watkinson, *D P Hughes, I D Austin, †W K Hegg, P J W Allott, J Simmons, I Folley.
Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Nottinghamshire 3.
Umpires: J Birkenshaw and J W Holder.

Bates continues to fight for Chelsea

By Dennis Signy

Chelsea's future at Stamford Bridge was looking increasingly uncertain last night following the announcement by Marler Estates plc that its subsidiary, S. B. Property Company Ltd, had granted a 210-year lease of the ground to Crest Nicholson's housing development company, Crest Homes plc.

A statement issued on behalf of Robin Turner, the S. B. company chairman, said: "The timing of this transaction means that S. B. have fully complied with the terms of the football club lease and the option for the club to buy the ground will not arise and the Chelsea Football Club lease comes to an end on August 19 next year."

That, on paper, means the pendulum appears to have swung away from Chelsea's chances of staying at Stamford Bridge and football continuing at the ground after the coming season. But Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman, countered that if S. B. disposed of the ground before Saturday, the day Chelsea's option begins, they had to offer the club alternative accommodation to its satisfaction. "It seems unlikely they will be doing that before Saturday," he added. "We have a valid lease. We have a valid option, and we intend to exercise our right. If they dispute that it will go to court."

Marler shareholders will be asked to approve the Crest deal at their forthcoming annual general meeting. Planning consent has already been granted for 220 houses and flats and an office building at Stamford Bridge, but Roger Lewis, the chief executive of Crest Nicholson, expects to redesign the development. He said yesterday that requirements had changed since the date of the planning consent and his company was confident that it could produce a revised design which would make the most of "this prime location."

Despite the continuing concern of bulldozers moving in, Bates has remained defiant and optimistic. He has just invested £825,000 on two experienced international players: Graham Roberts, from Rangers, and Peter Nicholas, from Aberdeen.

Heading north

Seoul (AFP) — The Olympic torch will be carried to the North Korean frontier twice before being taken to the Olympic Stadium in Seoul.

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World Cup exclusion is upset for Strange

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Curtis Strange, the US Open champion, has not been chosen for the American team for the World Cup which takes place at Royal Melbourne, from December 8 to 11.

Strange expected being selected because the new American system is to pick the players' champion, who this year is Mark McCumber, and the US Masters winner. So as Sandy Lyle won at Augusta, Strange, the leading money-winner on the US circuit last year, expected to be invited. Instead the International Golf Association has opted for Ben Crenshaw.

"I'm very upset and they've probably lost me for the future," Strange said. "I'm told Ben was selected because he showed interest in the event. That's fine if, as it seems, they are turning it into a popularity contest but quite frankly it's embarrassing not to be asked."

Birch Riber, the executive director of the IGA, said: "Ben gave us a verbal acceptance during the Memorial Tournament which was three weeks before Curtis won the US Open. Players' schedules are always very tight so we wanted to confirm the team as early as possible.

Strange had been hoping to complete what he calls his own "golfing slam". "I've played for my country in the Eisenhower Trophy, Ryder Cup and Walker Cup," he added. "It would have meant a lot to me to be honoured at World Cup level."

Meanwhile Greg Norman remains at the centre of another World Cup controversy. The Australians insist Norman has not met their qualifying procedures, so he has been left out of the team, but the IGA has countered by naming Rodger Davis and Norman as the two players they expect to be in the host country's team.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hall loses bonuses

Darren Hall, the European champion, who on Tuesday became England No. 1 for the first time, yesterday wrote a letter of complaint to the Badminton Association of England (BA of E) about the lateness of the rankings. Hall claims that because the list has been issued about six weeks later than advertised it may have cost him income.

"I may only be No. 1 for about four months and from the point of view of contracts and bonuses it could well cost me money. I could have had a bonus for being England No. 1 nearly two months ago."

No Cubans

Tokyo (AFP) — Cuba's ambassador to North Korea, Ricardo Danza Sigas, has said his country would not take part in the Seoul Olympic Games, Pyongyang's official news agency said yesterday.



Hall: late ranking

Winged tops

Melbourne (Reuter) — Australian cyclists will wear a new "winged keel" helmet which officials said would give them an edge over rivals at the Olympic Games in Seoul. The teardrop-shaped helmet, an idea borrowed from the winged-keel yacht design, is said to help shave off up to half a second in the 4km pursuit and 15 seconds in the 100km time trial.

Race death

Amsterdam (Reuter) — Connie Meijer, aged 25, a member of the Dutch women's cycling team for the Olympic Games in Seoul next month, was taken ill and died during a race yesterday.

Sutton returns

Steve Sutton, the South Wales Police forward, who announced his retirement from international rugby last season, is among 52 players chosen for the first squad training session by Wales at Swansea next month. Sutton has had a change of heart and feels his original decision was a hasty one.

Big deal

Glasgow Rangers' new basketball team will be named Linpride Rangers after securing £150,000 in sponsorship from the Scottish double-glazing firm, Linpride Windows, making them one of the richest clubs in Britain.

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